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Albert Lizama casts his net in the waters off San Antonio Beach Park yesterday, taking advantage of the rough waters brought by Tropical Storm Halong to catch plenty of tiao and salmonete, among other things. While Halong didn't directly hit Rota, as well as Saipan and Tinian, it nevertheless shut down most government offices for most of the day in anticipation of its earlier forecasted movement.

TROPICAL STORM HALONG MOVES AWAY

No major damage on Rota

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» Halong topples trees, causes 16 people to take shelter

Tropical Storm Halong toppled some trees on Rota and caused 16 people to take shelter at the Aging Center in Sinapalo yesterday, but there were no reports of injuries or major damage.

On Saipan and Tinian, Halong was hardly felt; it was mostly sunny all day, with only scattered rainshowers.

As of 8pm last night, the typhoon warning was cancelled for Rota and tropical storm warning was also cancelled for Guam as Halong moved away from the Marianas, according to the U.S. National Weather Service in Guam.

Earlier in the day, Gov. Eloy Inos ordered the closure of all non-essential government operations in the CNMI due to the anticipated threat of the storm.

At 1pm, when the center of Halong was closest at 20 miles west of Rota,

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Escrow deal may be amended to move the Aug. 1 deadline

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Rather than rush into a casino development agreement with contentious issues still involved, parties may amend an escrow deal for a $30 million deposit so that the Aug. 1 deadline for the release of the funds to the original owners could be extended. Best Sunshine International Ltd. chief operating officer Terence Tay said yesterday this is an option.

"Changing that escrow agreement depends on the outcome of [Thurs-

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Fejeran submits resignation letter to Inos

Businessman Ben T. Fejeran submitted yesterday his resignation letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, a day after telling *Saipan Tribune* he will resign as early as this week as special adviser for trade and industrial development to avoid possible conflict of interest should he decide to be a part of a private development project.

He said his resignation is "effective immediately."

"I am aware that this is totally unexpected, please accept my sincere apologies. I have made this decision after much reflection and soul searching…I want to thank you for understanding my action and rest assured that I am always ready and willing to continue serving you in any capacity that I am able to provide you with," Fejeran said in a one-page letter to the governor, a copy of which was obtained yesterday.

Fejeran has held the post for four months or since March 27. He was not being compensated for the post.

"I felt so honored and I truly appreciate your confidence; however, I regret to inform you that I am resigning from this position, effective immediately, for personal reasons," he told the governor.

He said in an interview that he is resigning because he does not want to have any conflict of interest, perceived or otherwise, when he decides to become a part of a private development project in the future. He said that would give him a peace of mind.

Fejeran thanked the governor for giving him the opportunity to serve him and the CNMI people as special adviser for trade and industrial development.

Fejeran's appointment has drawn question from some community members, including being a special adviser when he as a businessman has outstanding debts to the Department of Public Lands amounting to over $1 million, involving his former business Solid Builders.

But Fejeran said there are just some people who get "jealous" or "envious when they see others trying to do something, getting up, and they try to pull him down." ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

19 Japanese students visit Saipan

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Nineteen Japanese students arrived on Saipan on July 28 to participate in a cultural exchange and homestay program.

Saipan Mayor Marian DLG Tudela told *Saipan Tribune* that she is pleased to see the students and that they will be conducting activities with the mayor's office.

"This is my first time to be doing a cultural exchange program and homestay since I took office," Tudela said.

The students, who are under the International Youth Association of Japan/Kokusai Seishonen Kenshu Kyokai, have been with their homestay parents since July 28 and will be leaving on Aug. 4.

According to acting director of operations Joann Aquino in an earlier interview, the students will be entertained by the mayor's office while the parents will be providing the stay and interaction of culture at their homes.

"The students lunches will be taken cared of when the mayor's office does the afternoon activities and we will be the ones to conduct the activities," Aquino said.

The host families will be provide breakfast and dinner.

The students started sightseeing on Tuesday and did swimming activities yesterday, July 30. Today the students will be visiting the Man'Amko Center around 9am as part of the mayor's office activities for the students.

The students will then go to Managaha Island for recreational swimming, they will spend time with their host families on Saturday and will be hosting a "Sayonara" party at the Minatchom Atdao in Susupe with the families and students before they depart.

In related news, Tudela said there will be a student cultural exchange program in August as well for another group of Japanese students.

For more details, interested families can pick up homestay applications at the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center on Beach Road or call Aquino at 234-6208, 234-6280, or 235-7304.

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New SIS headmaster re-imagines learning in digital age

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After seven years as a teacher and dean at the Korean International School, Tim Bray returns to Saipan International School, where he once taught English, to be its new headmaster.

He replaces Dr. Dale Jenkins, the school's headmaster for the last 10 years, who is retiring.

As headmaster, Bray said he would put to good use his familiarity with the islands, his love for the family he has found at the school, and his enthusiasm and ambitions for integrated technology in student learning and development.

"What I'd really like to see [SIS] do is become sort of a leader with technology integration in the classroom," Bray said in an interview.

One online program that he said the school would be implementing via a federal grant is Achieve 3000.

"What Achieve 3000 does is for a content teacher, say in history, [to be able to access] a database of reading materials at different reading levels."

Bray said this would help classroom instruction, especially in the private school setting where students are also English language learners.

"[A teacher is] able to go in and type in 'U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights' and it pumps out a list of reading materials, at different ability levels, so he can take something very sophisticated and give it to his students who read at college level but he can take something very simplified and give it to his students who don't read at that level, but they'll be able to understand and participate in class and understand what's going on rather than everyone gets the same thing at tenth grade reading level but you got half of the class who can't understand it," he said.

Bray said he welcomes the chance to pilot the program as one of his efforts to use technology and the Internet in classrooms.

He also cites its cost-effectiveness, highlighting his experience at KIS where one biology book costs around $115, but as an online material, with manipulatives, activities, and videos on top of written content, cost $30.

Most importantly, he said he wants to empower students to learn on their own, describing educators more as guides and facilitators of a student's learning.

"[For a student] it's a matter of finding the information and reading and processing the information in some way and being able to replicate it first and, after replication, being able to strike out on your own and use it in a creative way, in something different that nobody's done before," he said.

He pointed to TED Talks where he said a synergy of ideas and shared information can inspire teachers, engineers, and scientists into new ground.

Bray said he hopes to prod students to become independent learners as well as more collaborative workers as technology and the Internet pulls people to solve problems together.

"What's going to be sustainable for the future and the job market is people need to be self-motivated and they need to feel empowered to learn on their own. The day of sitting in the classroom and another person basically regurgitating information to them and them regurgitating it back on the test is really over," Bray said.

He described the job market now as ever-evolving and changing, and that students need to leave school with the skills capable to adapt to these demands.

"I know that the employment opportunities that my father had, when he was young in western Montana, don't exist anymore. As the timber industry became smaller and smaller and more constricted, and it moved to places where trees grew a lot faster like Washington and Oregon, suddenly there weren't any loggers in Montana," he said.

According to Bray, these experiences in his home state taught him early on that one needed to have the skills to change, adapt, and overcome and learn something new.

His views carry over into the classroom as an educator, where he said he began to use technology in his first four years at SIS, despite some reluctance from his peers and initial difficulty.

However, according to him, he pursued his interests further as an ed-tech specialist helping teachers with technology at KIS, and as a graduate student, where he cites his professor Larry Creedon as an inspiration and mentor in his use of technology and the Internet in classrooms.

If not, he said, people are going to be out work.

"Here's a guy who was 78 or 79, and he was using online message boards, using them to have class before class started, he was interacting with us before our class even began. He'd have us do work individually and put us into groups to let us discuss it," he said.

According to Bray, his experience with Creedon encouraged him to prod his students to use technology in their learning and empowerment.

"The computer is not where the learning is, the learning is what we're trying to solve, the problem we're trying to fix. The computer gives us a wonderful tool to get there," he said.

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Gradual $1.75 cigarette tax hike in compromise bill

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Smokers would soon need to cough up more money to puff a cigarette as the House of Representatives is likely to pass today a "compromise" bill increasing the CNMI's cigarette tax from the current $2 to $2.75 for three years, and then to $3.75 after that. That's a total of $1.75 increase, but spread out in four years instead of an outright $2 increase as originally intended.

Because it's a product of a conference committee, the bill is expected to pass the House and Senate within days of each other and find its way to the governor for action.

"Senate and House members reached a compromise on this cigarette tax bill. The compromise is to make it a gradual increase instead of the original bill's intent to increase the tax by $2 right away," Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) told *Saipan Tribune.*

A pack of cigarettes that retails for $3.75 right now could go up to $4.50 once this bill becomes law, and then to $5.50 after the third year.

The gradual increase in cigarette tax was not the only compromise reached among six House and Senate members.

Senate and House conferees agreed to reserve 3 percent of excise taxes collected for cancer treatment and programs. Those funds would have to be deposited in a separate Cancer Fund Special Account separate from the general fund, "to be appropriated to provide financial assistance to non-profit and governmental organizations that provide patient directed services for the prevention of cancers, its treatment, diagnosis, and other services that may be required to access treatment, including but not limited to, off-island transportation and temporary housing."

That 3 percent was derived from a decrease in excise tax percentage collected for the solid waste management program, from 10 percent to now 7 percent.

Moreover, 50 percent of all excise taxes collected under this is supposed to be deposited into an account to fund the payment of the CNMI government's share of the Group Health and Life Insurance benefits and for enforcement.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), author of the original bill, said cigarette smoking results in a high cost to society in increased illness and a reduction in life expectancy.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's estimates show that total smoking-caused health costs and lost productivity totals more than $10.28 per pack nationwide, Demapan said.

A 23-year-old smoker said yesterday the immediate 75-cent increase in cigarette tax would make a number of smokers think twice before smoking.

He said the $3.75 a pack he buys right now could go up to $4.50, "and that would have an impact" on one's wallet.

Arnaldo "Mando" Guban, resident manager of Western Sales Trading Co. or WSTCO, the biggest cigarette wholesaler in the CNMI, said last night that the compromise cigarette tax increase bill is more bearable than the original proposal. WSTCO carries the brands Camel, Capri, Kool, Pall Mall and Doral, among other things.

Guban said it's a big relief that the immediate increase would only be 75 cents rather than $2.

"If you increase the tax by $2 at one time, cigarette sales would suffer. Also, the bottom line is, any increase would be borne by the consumers," he told *Saipan Tribune.*

Demapan introduced this health and revenue-generating bill 11 months ago.

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Sister Martha retires as Sister Remedios principal

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After 10 years of "joyful" service, Sister Martha Ramarui, M.MD, retires as principal of Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development School.

The 77-year-old nun from Palau recited her vows in 1959 and has since been helping the young and the old, the poor and hungry in Palaua, Saipan, Guam and even Guatemala.

As principal and teacher, she said she is concerned with laying the "foundation of life" for students, focusing on the "wholesome" development of a child.

"By age 6, we should know everything we need to learn," she said.

She noted that between the ages of 3 and 5, a child forms the foundation for the rest of his or her childhood, and that an environment that is loving, safe, and free teaches a child to have self-esteem and respect for self and others.

Sister Martha said she has found "joy in serving" these last 10 years despite the woes the school faced financially, noting that she has had to lay off teachers in her tenure as principal as the school had to balance the constant struggle between meeting costs and raising tuition.

She said the school's dedicated staff and teachers as well as parent cooperation helped the school earn funds with walk-athons, pizza nights, and soup-to-go food sales.

She noted that tax donations from generous members of the community have been "the biggest help" in their success.

What motivates Sister Martha is service. "The highlight of my whole life, I've been in the community for 60 years is, has been service. Service. In the latter years of my life, we get salaries for what we do, but in the earlier years, we served for free."

She said that being able to love and serve the people she is in touch with is key.

"I started my mission and my ministry ever since 1960. It's still like it's only yesterday, it is truly wonderful. Absolutely wonderful."

In deciding to retire, she was offered a return to Palau, but she refused, calling Saipan "home."

"The people here on Saipan, whether they're Bangladeshi or Chamorros, or Carolinians or Filipinos or whatever, they're my people," she said.

Ramarui said she "still has work to do," as she intends to transfer to the Maturana House of Prayer and work with the elderly.

"I'm going to give a hand there, and I'm going to love it too," she said.

DENNIS B. CHAN

Sister Martha Ramarui, M.MD, stands in front of the Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development School, where she will retire as principal after 10 years of service.

Guam police seek public's input in man's homicide

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Guam police are seeking the public's help for information in the homicide of a 62-year-old man.

Nick Tolentino was found dead in his hair salon on Sunday. The Guam medical examiner's office says the cause of death was multiple stab wounds.

Pacific Daily News reports Tolentino was last seen alive by associates between 3pm and 4pm Saturday.

Tolentino was the owner of the Hair Plus by Nick salon in Tamuning.

United resumes normal operation in Guam today

GUAM—United Airlines expects to resume normal operations at Guam International Airport starting today, July 31, 2014, subject to change depending on weather conditions. The airline cancelled all flights scheduled to depart from and arrive at Guam International Airport yesterday afternoon and evening, July 30, 2014, due to adverse weather conditions caused by Tropical Storm Halong.

United continues to urge customers to check the latest status of their flights at united.com or by calling United Reservations at 1-800-UNITED-1 (1-800-864-8331). ***(United)***

ROTA

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packing maximum sustained winds of 65 miles per hour and moving west-northwest, Inos maintained typhoon condition 1 for the island. At 2pm, the governor declared an all-clear condition for Saipan and Tinian.

In a phone interview with *Saipan Tribune* at 3:40pm, Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola said the island felt the storm between 12pm to 1pm when the wind was about 50 miles an hour.

"We still have strong winds of 25 to 30 miles an hour and some scattered rains. We're still exercising precautionary measures," Mendiola said.

The mayor said the wind was already decreasing, but they were still waiting for an official declaration of the all-clear condition.

Mendiola said there were some fallen trees and fallen power lines, but no power pole was toppled.

Although the storm caused technical problems with some power transformers, he said the island still has power and water supply.

The mayor said they expect the major damage to be in the area of agriculture because of the strong wind.

"For structure damage, we have not heard yet. Hopefully there's nothing major," he said.

Mendiola said they will doing an assessment today to check for washed out roads that would need to be repaired and the typhoon's effect on the shoreline.

He said that 16 people went to the shelter at the Aging Center in Sinapalo as their own homes are not made of concrete.

Rota has about 2,500 residents.

All United Airlines flights scheduled to depart from and arrive at Guam International Airport yesterday were cancelled due to Halong. That included all flights to Saipan and Rota and from Saipan to Guam.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja ordered limited hours of operation for essential services at all local courts yesterday. They closed the administrative services unit (cashier), information systems unit, building and maintenance unit, office of the Commonwealth Recorder, Law Revision Commission, and Judiciary Administrative Office.

The Saipan office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services was also closed yesterday due to Halong. All appointments for interviews and information were cancelled. In a statement, USCIS said it will automatically reschedule appointments for immigration and citizenship interviews, and applicants will receive a new appointment letter from USCIS in the mail. Those who have InfoPass appointments for Wednesday should go online to www.uscis.gov and reschedule.

The USCIS Office in Guam was also closed yesterday, as well as the Guam Judiciary.

As of 7pm last night, the center of Tropical Storm Halong was located by radar about 80 miles west of Rota, about 120 miles west-southwest of Tinian, and about 130 miles west-southwest of Saipan, according to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Halong is moving toward the west-northwest at 10 mph and is expected to continue to the west-northwest with little change in forward speed through Thursday.

Maximum sustained winds remain at 65 mph. Tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 125 miles from the center in the south semi-circle and up to 90 miles from the center in the north semi-circle. Halong is expected to resume a slow intensification on Thursday.

Residents of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are being urged to continue to take extra precautionary measures when driving on the highways due to heavy rains showers and possible flooding in low lying areas.

ESCROW

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day's or Friday's] meeting. There's distinct possibility," Tay told *Saipan Tribune*. "I don't think we need to rush that."

Once signed, the minimum $2 billion exclusive casino agreement will be the biggest development deal in the CNMI in decades. It also has far-reaching impact on the island's way of life, so parties are trying to ensure they look into every provision of the deal.

Under the existing escrow agreement, Bank of Guam would release the $30 million deposit to the original owners of the funds rather than to the government if an exclusive casino license is not granted by Aug. 1, Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar said.

With that deadline drawing near, the Lottery Commission and Best Sunshine are still not on the same page on the locations of the hotels and casinos, among other things.

"From the beginning, we knew land is going to be an issue," Tay said.

He said Best Sunshine is looking at multiple locations for the integrated resort project. With the limited availability of beachfront property on Saipan, it is a challenge to build at least 2,000 hotel rooms in just a single location.

Because the casino development agreement is still under negotiations, parties cannot discuss in details the remaining issues.

It was learned, however, that Best Sunshine is looking at building an integrated resort in the northern and southern part of Saipan, as well as in Garapan, mainly because of limited properties available.

Another issue is whether Best Sunshine would be allowed to have casinos in all of the hotel rooms it will build or develop on Saipan.

Tay added that Best Sunshine will be investing more than the $2 billion minimum required by law.

Igisomar conceded there are still issues that need to be ironed out but he is hopeful that an agreement will be reached soon.

Once a casino development agreement is signed, the $30 million held in escrow will be released to the CNMI government, for the payment of retirees' deferred 25 percent pension and interest on former defined benefit members' withdrawn contributions.

In May, Best Sunshine presented to the Lottery Commission its four-phased integrated resort plan, the first phase of which includes a 401-room hotel and casino by 2017-2018. The grand opening is set for 2020, with total rooms of at least 2,000 as required by law.

The Inos administration is also asking the public's patience as negotiations between the Lottery Commission and Best Sunshine continue.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the administration can only say that once a license has been issued and the funds are released, they intend to work swiftly to give retirees and DB plan members the money they deserve.

Still, there is still no telling whether it would be the Department of Finance or retirement settlement fund trustee Civille & Tang that would process the payments to retirees and DB plan members.

Ex-chief marshal, DPS official Onni passes away

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Pete Wilhelm Onni, a former chief marshal of the CNMI Courthouse who also served as a police lieutenant at the Department of Public Safety, passed away on Monday in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was 68.

Onni died of a massive heart attack in a hospital in the Philippines, according to former DPS commissioner Charles W. Ingram yesterday.

"I was shocked. I became emotional," said Ingram about his reaction upon receiving an email Monday night from Onni's wife about what had happened.

Onni and wife, Sharon Mangilit Onni, have three children: Edward, Pete Jr., and Jewel. The family lives in Cabiao, Nueva Ecija.

Ingram and his wife Helen are the godfather and godmother of Onni's children Edward and Pete Jr. respectively.

Onni's burial will be this Saturday at a cemetery in Cabiao.

Ingram said Onni first served as chief marshal of the CNMI Courthouse, then he hired him at DPS as a police lieutenant during his term as commissioner from 1998 to 2002. Ingram said he assigned Onni as head of the criminal intelligence and Interpol.

"He's very good. He rewrote all the standard operations procedures and guidelines for DPS and Department of Corrections," the former DPS commissioner said.

After serving at DPS for less than four years, Onni and his family moved to the Philippines.

Onni was born in Hanko, Finland, where he served in the military and became a police officer. He then worked for the police department in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ingram said Onni conducted a lot of K-9 trainings in the United States.

Before coming to Saipan, Onni served as head of Customs at American Samoa.

Onni

High surf warning 'til Sunday

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management issued a high surf advisory and small craft advisory yesterday to warn the public that Tropical Storm Halong is creating conditions unfavorable to swimming and boating in the next few days. It advises the public to stay out of the water.

The agency said that Tropical Storm Halong will generate swell and wind waves that will cause hazardous surf on Saipan and Tinian for the next several days.

The high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am Sunday. Hazardous surf of 10 to 14 feet is expected along south and west facing shores that will gradually subside to between 8 and 10 by Friday night. Surf will likely remain hazardous through the weekend as a west swell from Halong continues to affect the Marianas.

The small craft advisory remains in effect until 6am Friday. Halong will generate hazardous sea conditions for small craft across Marianas coastal waters through Thursday night.

South to southeast winds of 29 to 40 mph with gusts of up to 52 mph will diminish to between 17 and 29 mph across Saipan and Tinian waters. The highest winds will occur across Tinian waters.

Combined seas of 13 to 16 feet will steadily diminish to below advisory levels early Friday morning. Highest seas will be across western coastal waters of Tinian and Saipan.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches especially those along all reefs as rip currents are life threatening. ***(PR)***

Disbarred lawyer Quichocho closes office, currently in WA

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Disbarred lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho informed the Superior Court yesterday that he is currently in Tacoma, Washington, and that he has already closed down his office on Saipan.

In his declaration, Quichocho said he moved all his active client files with the help of his brother, who is currently inventorying the files.

Quichocho filed the declaration along with a stipulation that his counsel, Edward C. Arriola, and disciplinary counsel George L. Hasselback signed.

In the stipulation, Arriola and Hasselback agreed to postpone the order to show cause hearing scheduled yesterday, to Aug. 27, 2014.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who issued the order to show cause on July 15, approved the stipulation.

In that order, Camacho ordered Quichocho to explain why he should not be held in contempt for not filing an affidavit as required in the court's suspension order.

Camacho ordered Quichocho to appear in court supposedly yesterday at 1:30pm to explain why he has not filed the affidavit as required by Rule 15(d) of the Commonwealth Disciplinary Rules and Procedures, and why he should not be held in contempt of court. The judge allowed Quichocho to make arrangements to appear telephonically or by videoconference if necessary.

Under Rule 15(d), within 10 days after the effective date of a disbarment or suspension order, the disbarred or suspended attorney shall file with the Superior Court an affidavit showing, among other things, that he or she has complied with the provisions of the order.

Last May 28, Camacho suspended Quichocho's license to practice law in the CNMI for three years for professional misconduct by using a legal tool to harass a former client to obtain payment.

In his declaration yesterday, Quichocho said he has yet to comply with the provisions of Camacho's order and with Rule 15, because he has been out of the CNMI since June 10, 2014, for medical and personal reasons.

Quichocho said he will continue to be off-island for three more months. He promised to do his best to comply with Rule 15 requirements on or before Aug. 27, 2014.

Quichocho said for some of his clients, he either mailed the notifications by certified mail, return receipt requested, by email, and/or by personal delivery of the notifications.

Pursuant to Rule 15(d)(2) of the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures, Quichocho certified that he has notified all other state, territorial, federal and administrative jurisdictions to which he is admitted to practice of the disciplinary action against him.

Specifically, he said he notified the CNMI Supreme Court, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the U.S. District Court for the NMI of his suspension.

Quichocho said he is still transitioning to his new temporary residence, which is unknown at this time.

Camacho recently ordered Quichocho's disbarment from the practice of law in CNMI courts for professional misconduct in representing his then-client, Jung Ja Kim.

Last March 28, a federal jury reached a unanimous verdict, holding Quichocho, his wife, and his law firm liable to pay $2.4 million in damages to Kim, who filed a racketeering lawsuit against them.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman also recently ordered a public reprimand against Quichocho for professional misconduct in connection with another Bar complaint.

So far, 48 file candidacies with Election Commission

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REPORTER

With several bets filing their certificates of candidacy and the deadline looming in just another six days, the CNMI Commission on Elections is urging candidates for the November elections to file their candidacies already.

The deadline for the submission of nominating petitions and candidacy is on Aug. 6, which is 90 days before the November election.

» Over 16K voters registered already, more expected

Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero said they anticipate more to come in based on the number of individuals who have shown an interest in seeking public office this election.

"So far, about 48 candidacies have been turned in," Guerrero said.

Democratic gubernatorial bets Edward Deleon Guerrero and running mate Daniel Quitugua recently filed their candidacies, along with nine other Democratic bets that include their candidate for CNMI non-voting delegate to Congress, Andrew Salas, one senatorial candidate, Saipan and Tinian mayoral candidates, and four Precinct 1 bets.

On July 16, former governor Juan Nekai Babauta and former senator Juan Sablan Torres filed their candidacies for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively, along with one Precinct 1 bet, Benjamin Cepeda.

Incumbent Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) led 26 Republican candidates in filing their candidacies on July 10, including four mayoral candidates for Tinian, Saipan, Rota, and Northern Islands, six senatorial candidates, four for Precinct 1, two for Precinct 2, five for Precinct 3, and one each from Precincts 4 to 7.

With three gubernatorial candidates filing already, the only who has yet to do so is former speaker Heinz Hofschneider and Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan).

Other candidates that have filed separately include the attorney general bets and municipal council bets.

According to Guerrero, about 16,738 voters have registered to vote as of July 23.

"More continue to come in and register on a daily basis and we expect that trend to continue through the closure of registration on Sept. 5. In addition, we also continue to receive registration packets by mail," he said.

Guerrero said the absentee ballot period would start 75 days before the election.

CUC still in process of finding new CFO and deputy executive director

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is still in the process of looking for a chief financial officer and a deputy director to fill two of the three highest positions within the agency.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said that they have had nationwide searches for qualified applicants for their chief financial officer and have had several possible candidates for the deputy executive director.

"We have had possible candidates but we are close to identifying [the most likely ones]," Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune*.

CUC's chief financial officer Charles Warren resigned on July 18, 2014.

Since then, a certified public accountant has been appointed acting CFO, Fletcher said. She is Joanne Paraiso, who is CUC's chief accountant. She will be handling the CFO position during the recruitment period.

"Paraiso has 10 years of management level of utility experience and she has also been working directly with our Stipulated Order issues, and has been responsible for managing approximately $70 million in grant monies that CUC receives," Fletcher said.

He said that Paraiso also does the technical reporting and compliance required by grantors for four years.

Fletcher conceded that CUC has been unable to recruit a suitable candidate for deputy executive director and has asked the U.S. Environmental Protection for more time to hire one.

According to Fletcher, CUC conducted a nationwide search in the summer of 2013 for qualified applicants to fill the position.

He said they did a thorough review of 48 applicants and held six interviews and CUC submitted four final candidates to the U.S Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval.

"Of the four candidates submitted, EPA did not comment on one applicant, rejected two additional contenders, and approved one candidate meeting the required qualifications," Fletcher said.

That candidate later withdrew the application from being considered.

"CUC has diligently attempted to hire for this position, but it has been unsuccessful. As a result the position has been advertised as part of a new nationwide search and formally requested an additional 150 days to recruit," Fletcher said.

He said the request was made on March 25 and they still hasn't gotten a response from EPA.

INTREPID SOUL HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
A man braves the huge waves as he tries to catch fish yesterday in the waters off the San Antonio Beach Park, amid rough waters caused by the passing of Typhoon Halong in the Marianas.

Ex-convict also allegedly stole other items worth $36K from Pretty Tour

Aside from stealing an FJ Cruiser during a burglary at Pretty Tour Car Rental in Garapan, ex-convict Roland Hernandez Muña also stole from the shop a 31-inch flat screen television and other items, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

Assistant attorney general Heather P. Barcinas stated in the first amended information that Muña also stole a cell phone, MiFi, Italy sunglasses, and several keys for car rentals and apartment rentals with an estimated total value at $36,000.

Aside from one count of burglary and one count of theft, the OAG also charged Muña with one count of resisting arrest for running away when two law enforcement officers tried to handcuff him on July 5.

At a status conference yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho set the jury trial for Oct. 23, 2014, at 9am.

The government, through Barcinas, offered a plea agreement to Muña yesterday but assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Muña, said it is still early in the case to discuss plea agreements.

Muna, 25, remains in jail after failing to post a $50,000 cash bail.

According to police, John Deleon Guerrero was arrested on July 1 and he admitted that he was with Muña when the latter burglarized Pretty Tour Car Rental office on the evening of June 30, 2014.

Police said surveillance cameras at two nearby establishments corroborated Deleon Guerrero's statements.

Deleon Guerrero has yet to be taken to court as police are still doing further investigation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

$70K annual salary for OAG Civil Division chief

Gov. Eloy S. Inos certified and approved the over-the-cap salary of Civil Division chief Reena J. Patel of the Office of the Attorney General, who will now be receiving $70,000 per annum.

The CNMI Compensation Adjustment Act sets the salary ceiling for government employees at $50,000. But the law gives the governor the authority to waive the ceiling and submit a certification to the Legislature.

"By copy of this letter, I am also advising the chairman of the Civil Service Commission of this certification," the governor said in a July 23 letter to Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

Patel was sworn in as assistant attorney general on May 15, 2012. She graduated from law school in 2008 from Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, California and previously worked in private practice specializing in business transactions. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Typhoon preparedness advisory

Due to the anticipated threat of Tropical Storm Halong, Gov. Eloy S. Inos declared Typhoon Condition I for the island of Rota as of 8:30am yesterday, July 30, 2014. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. advises the following high-risk groups to consider the health advisories below:

■ Pregnant women who are experiencing preterm labor or pregnant women in their 32-week gestational period.

Storms have been known to make pregnant women give birth earlier than their expected due date. CHCC encourages all women with a gestational age of 32 weeks and above to report to the Commonwealth Health Center once typhoon condition 2 is announced. Those who are experiencing early labor are encouraged to go to the Commonwealth Health Center immediately.

If you plan to come to CHC, make sure to bring your identification information, a pillow, blanket, extra clothing, and other essential supplies including food and hydration.

■ Individuals who are on medical equipment requiring electricity (e.g., oxygen generators).

Individuals who are on medical equipment requiring electricity should report to CHC if they do not have a generator at home. Islandwide residential electricity should be expected to be turned off as storm conditions worsen. Please DO NOT report to the shelters if you have any of these conditions and report to CHC.

■ Individuals on prescription medications and in need of medical supplies.

Individuals should make sure their prescription medication and medical supplies can last them for at least three days. This is especially important for patients with diabetes, hypertension, or uncontrolled asthma.

Please contact the CHC Nursing Supervisor on duty at 234-8950 for more instructions.

Tune in to the local radio stations, KSPN News, the Channel 14 weather station, and/or the Homeland Security Emergency Management Office's advisories for more information. ***(CHCC)***

Last crew member of Enola Gay dies in Georgia

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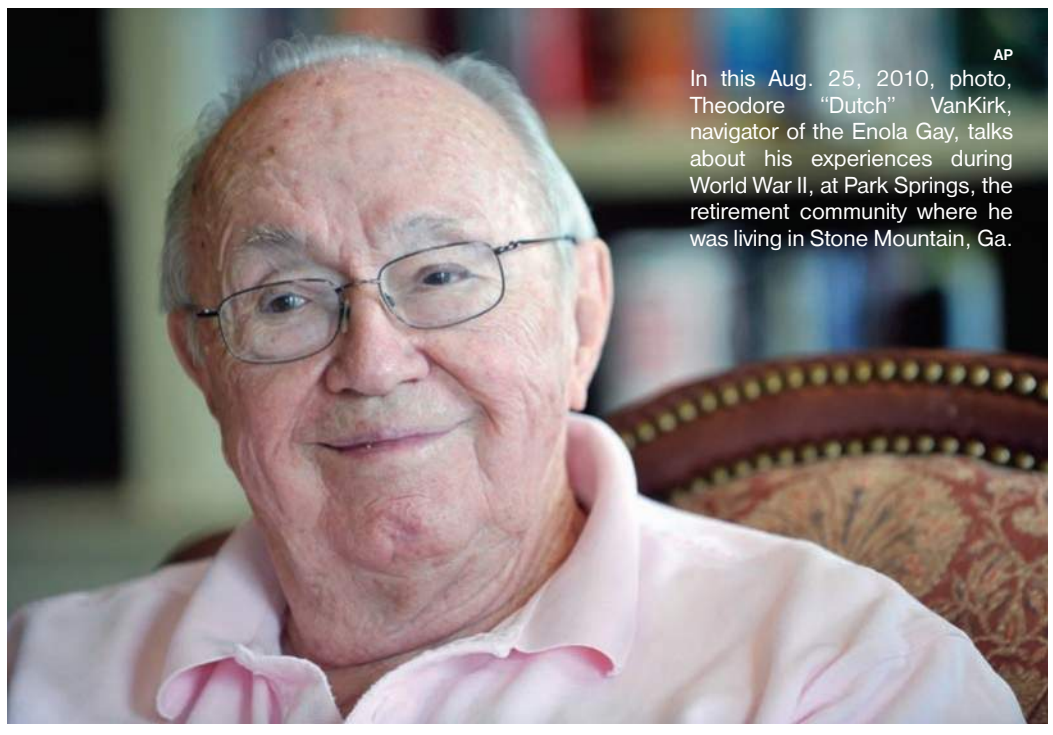

AP
In this Aug. 25, 2010, photo, Theodore "Dutch" VanKirk, navigator of the Enola Gay, talks about his experiences during World War II, at Park Springs, the retirement community where he was living in Stone Mountain, Ga.

ATLANTA (AP)—The last surviving member of the crew that dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, hastening the end of World War II and forcing the world into the atomic age, has died in Georgia.

Theodore VanKirk, also known as "Dutch," died Monday of natural causes at the retirement home where he lived in Stone Mountain, Georgia, his son Tom VanKirk said. He was 93.

VanKirk flew nearly 60 bombing missions, but it was a single mission in the Pacific that secured him a place in history. He was 24 years old when he served as navigator on the *Enola Gay*, the B-29 Superfortress that dropped the first atomic bomb deployed in wartime over the Japanese city of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

He was teamed with pilot Paul Tibbets and bombardier Tom Ferebee in Tibbets' fledgling 509th Composite Bomb Group for Special Mission No. 13.

The mission went perfectly, VanKirk told The Associated Press in a 2005 interview. He guided the bomber through the night sky, just 15 seconds behind schedule, he said. As the 9,000-pound bomb nicknamed "Little Boy" fell toward the sleeping city, he and his crewmates hoped to escape with their lives.

They didn't know whether the bomb would actually work and, if it did, whether its shockwaves would rip their plane to shreds. They counted—one thousand one, one thousand two—reaching the 43 seconds they'd been told it would take for detonation and heard nothing.

"I think everybody in the plane concluded it was a dud. It seemed a lot longer than 43 seconds," VanKirk recalled.

Then came a bright flash. Then a shockwave. Then another shockwave.

The blast and its aftereffects killed 140,000 in Hiroshima.

Three days after Hiroshima, a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The blast and its aftermath claimed 80,000 lives. Six days after the Nagasaki bombing, Japan surrendered.

Whether the United States should have used the atomic bomb has been debated endlessly. VanKirk told the AP he thought it was necessary because it shortened the war and eliminated the need for an Allied land invasion that could have cost more lives on both sides.

"I honestly believe the use of the atomic bomb saved lives in the long run. There were a lot of lives saved. Most of the lives saved were Japanese," VanKirk said.

But it also made him wary of war.

"The whole World War II experience shows that wars don't settle anything. And atomic weapons don't settle anything," he said. "I personally think there shouldn't be any atomic bombs in the world—I'd like to see them all abolished.

"But if anyone has one," he added, "I want to have one more than my enemy."

VanKirk stayed on with the military for a year after the war ended. Then he went to school, earned degrees in chemical engineering and signed on with DuPont, where he stayed until he retired in 1985. He later moved from California to the Atlanta area to be near his daughter.

Like many World War II veterans, VanKirk didn't talk much about his service until much later in his life when he spoke to school groups, his son said.

"I didn't even find out that he was on that mission until I was 10 years old and read some old news clippings in my grandmother's attic," Tom VanKirk told the AP in a phone interview Tuesday.

Instead, he and his three siblings treasured a wonderful father, who was a great mentor and remained active and "sharp as a tack" until the end of his life.

"I know he was recognized as a war hero, but we just knew him as a great father," Tom VanKirk said.

VanKirk's military career was chronicled in a 2012 book, *My True Course*, by Suzanne Dietz. VanKirk was energetic, very bright and had a terrific sense of humor, Dietz recalled Tuesday.

Interviewing VanKirk for the book, she said, "was like sitting with your father at the kitchen table listening to him tell stories."

A funeral service was scheduled for VanKirk on Aug. 5 in his hometown of Northumberland, Pennsylvania. He will be buried in Northumberland next to his wife, who died in 1975. The burial will be private.

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IT&E donates $5,000 to Tournament of Champions

IT&E representatives present the company's donation of $2,500 cash and $2,500 worth of in kind donation for the 2014 Tournament of Champions on Aug. 2 and 3. Seated are Elna Tlghe, left, and Marie Sablan. Standing from left are Jack Salas, Veronica Acosta, Hans Mickelson, Rob Harrell, Ben Babauta, John Compton, Marida Pensader, and Mark Moss.

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As part of its commitment to supporting community events and projects, IT&E has announced that the company has donated $5,000 to the Tournament of Champions organizers.

"The Tournament of Champions continues to be an important source of funds for community projects that promote the CNMI as a prime tourist destination," said IT&E marketing manager Hans Mickelson. "We are happy to be participating as a sponsor in this year's event and look forward to an exciting tournament on Saturday and Sunday."

"IT&E is one of the Tournament of Champions' dedicated sponsors," said tournament director Ben Babauta. "The company has been supporting our event for many years and we are extremely grateful for their contribution of $5,000 this year."

The 19th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's East & West Courses on Aug. 2 and 3. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is $185.

First place winners in the Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive $500 cash, $400 for second, $300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and $100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive $500, $400 for second, and $300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

There will be hundreds of thousands worth of prizes that will be at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that include other brand new vehicles donated by Triple J Motors, Atkins Kroll Toyota (Saipan), and Joeten Motors. Saipan Laolao Golf & Resort is offering one year of free golf as another hole-in-one prize. Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines are also offering airline tickets as hole-in-one prizes.

Since its inception, TOC has given over $700,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to the former Palm Resort Saipan, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2014 TOC, contact Babauta at 483-2563 or Marida Pensader at 236-2530. For player information and to download the registration form, visit www.tocSaipan.com. ***(TOC)***

Podesta leads US delegation to Pacific Islands Forum

Counselor to the President John Podesta will lead a high-level U.S. government delegation to the Pacific Islands Forum Post Forum Dialogue on Aug. 1 in Koror, Palau, to highlight and build upon our historic relations with the peoples and nations of the Pacific.

Podesta

The U.S. delegation will include senior officials from the National Security Council, United States Pacific Command, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of State, Department of the Interior, U.S. Peace Corps, U.S. Agency for International Development, and the State of Hawaii.

Following former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's attendance at the PIF PFD in 2012 and Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell's attendance as head of delegation in 2013, this high-level delegation demonstrates continued U.S. commitment to the rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region and to issues that are of utmost importance to the Pacific Islands, including oceans, climate change, renewable energy, economic growth, sustainable development and environmental conservation. ***(U.S. Embassy Kolonia)***

19 Saipan beaches are red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged 19 Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are San Roque School, Outer Cove Marina, Samoa Housing, Garapan Fishing Dock, Chalan Laulau Beach, Saipan World Resort, Central Repair Shop, Smiling Cove Marina, Hafa Adai Beach Hotel, Garapan Fishing Base, San Jose Beach, Saipan Community School beach, San Antonio lift station, DPW channel park, Hafa Adai drainage, American Memorial Park, Garapan Beach, Civic Center Beach, and the Sugar Dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sagana is top reader in JKPL's Dream Big Read program

The Dream Big Read summer program marked another successful campaign this year after 89 children joined the month-long activity at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The program's goal is to encourage and enhance reading interest among children. The summer program ran from June 22 to 28 and encouraged participants to read books either at the public library or in the comfort of their homes. Throughout the campaign, JKPL monitored the number of books read by participants and rewarded them for their performance. During closing ceremonies Saturday, Bonnie Gio Sagana was hailed the top reader with 486 books read throughout the program-miles beyond his target of just 50 books. Sagana is a third grader at William S. Reyes Elementary School. Celina Foreman, program coordinator and library assistant, said that Sagana demonstrated a keen interest in checking and reading books at the same time. He, along with all other readers, was awarded a certificate and gift items from the program's sponsors.

Judge orders ex-Immigration captain to appear in court

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered former CNMI Immigration captain Isidro T. Cabrera yesterday to appear in court to explain why he has not paid the balance of the $50,000 judgment he owes a woman whom he raped in 1996. Failure to show up may result in the issuance of a warrant for Cabrera's arrest. The judge directed Cabrera to appear in court on Aug. 22, 2012, at 10am to determining his ability to pay the balance of the amount owed and the fastest manner in which he can pay the judgment. The court will also determine at the hearing what further action shall be necessary to ensure compliance with the judgment. Manglona ordered Cabrera to bring with him financial statements, bank statements, records, writings, instruments, receipts, lists of real property and personal property, and other documents that may be necessary or relevant in determining his ability to pay and the manner in which judgment can be paid.

Alien workers' travel concerns continue

A little known policy change that was never announced or publicized beforehand is causing headaches among alien workers in the Commonwealth who want to travel to Guam or other parts of the United States. A registered nurse who just recently traveled to Hawaii and Guam using parole and without a B1/B2 visa is now also being asked to apply for a $360 advance parole to go to Guam to represent the CNMI in an Aug. 3 to 4 badminton tournament. She has a pending H visa application. "Who would want to lose $360 when you know that Guam USCIS office will only reject an advance parole application to go to Guam just like what they told a previous applicant? They allowed me to travel to Hawaii for a nurse conference and then to Guam using only parole. But they said there were recent changes to the process so I have to apply for advance parole, even though I told them I'm not traveling outside the U.S.," the nurse working at a private clinic told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

House panel approves limited gambling operations

The House Committee on Ways and Means is recommending passage of a two-month-old bill allowing non-profit corporations to operate supervised gambling on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota on an annual basis and only to raise funds for medical referral, scholarship, sports and cultural programs, among other things approved by the Registrar of Corporation. Rep. Ray Basa's (Cov-Saipan) committee recommends passage of vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 17-297 in its current form. The committee said the purpose of these limited and supervised gambling operations is to raise funds for programs "which are legitimate public purpose otherwise funded through appropriation by the Legislature." "The Committee finds that with the continued decline in government revenues and the inability and/or the limitations to financially support sports organizations, events, medical referral, scholarship and indigent programs, it is reasonable and necessary to provide other methods instead of solely relying on the financial backing of the government," the panel said. Casino gambling is legal on Tinian and Rota, but not on Saipan.

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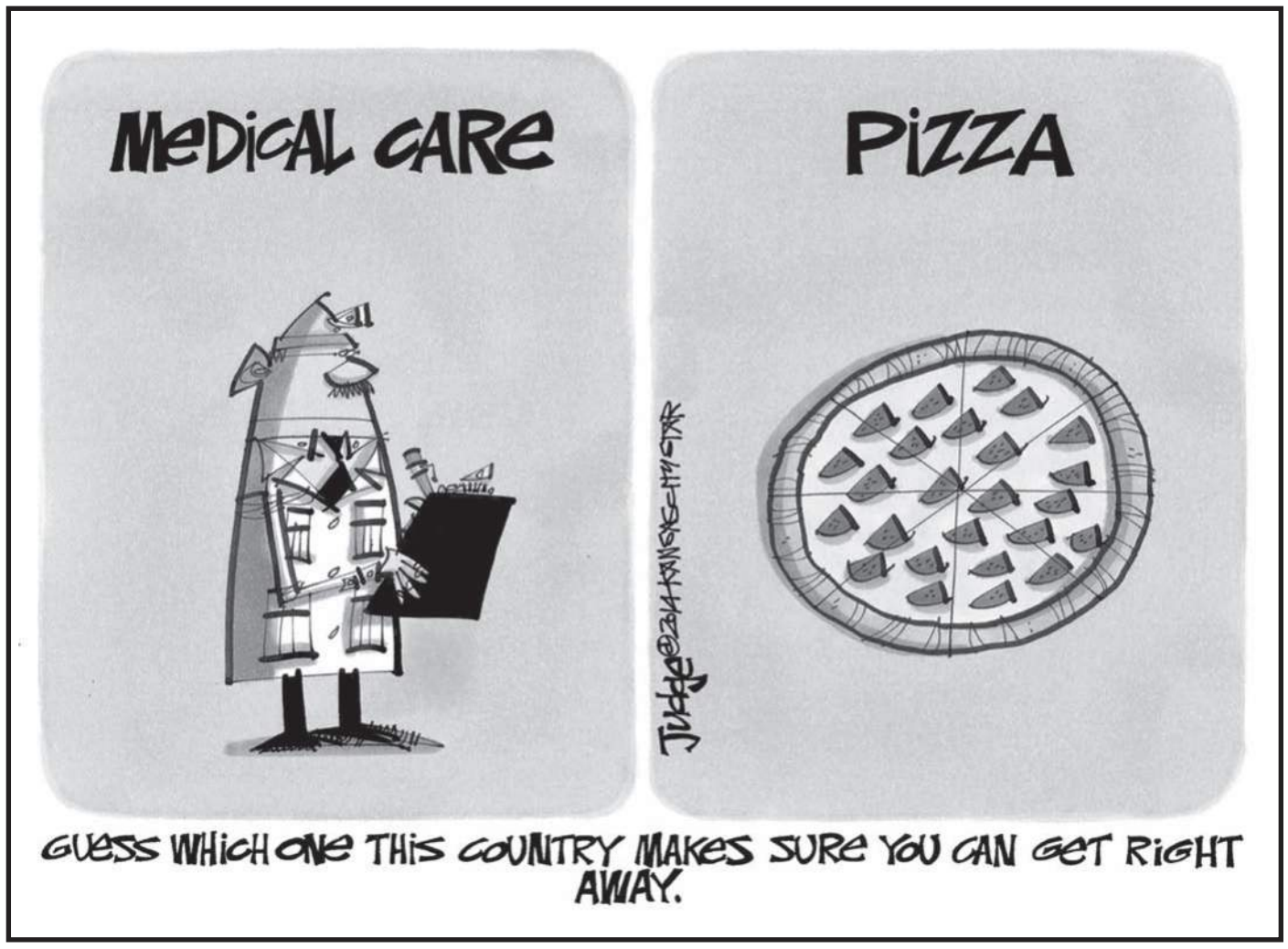

EDITORIAL

Congress has moral responsibility to address border children

The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times *on Sunday, July 27:*

Congress is nearing an impasse over how to deal with the overwhelming flow of unaccompanied minors across the Mexican border. Failure to address this heartbreaking humanitarian crisis before the August recess will stand not only as a political failure, but as a moral one for a Congress that is already among the least productive in history.

For months now, thousands of children have been choosing to risk their lives with human smugglers to come into the U.S. illegally rather than remain in gang-run neighborhoods in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. The problem is not how to catch the kids; Border Patrol agents say they turn themselves in at the border hoping for protection, often under the misguided notion that they will get permission to stay in the United States.

The problem is what to do with the 57,000 children who are already here (and those who are still coming), a process governed by the 2008 Wilberforce law that requires border agents to take them into custody and within 72 hours turn them over to the Department of Health and Human Services until a hearing can be held. The system, however, is overwhelmed—housing facilities are filled beyond capacity, lawyers are unavailable, and some kids have complained about mistreatment or lack of food and medical care. The Obama administration has rightly acknowledged that the federal government should increase its capacity to process the children through immigration courts. That will mean spending money.

The administration has asked for $3.7 billion to increase border security and expand immigration courts while safely caring for the children. The administration also said, but didn't offer specifics, that it wants Congress to give it more flexibility to return those who are unlikely to win petitions to stay. Republicans have been talking about giving the administration less money and amending the 2008 Wilberforce law. Democrats are willing to spend more than the Republicans, but they don't want to match Obama's request either; they would leave the 2008 law alone. These are substantive differences, but not unbridgeable ones.

Enhancing border security is a separate issue, especially since interdiction is not the problem at the moment, though there may be an argument that agents are so overwhelmed by the influx of children that they can't effectively tend to their regular duties.

How to process the children, though, is not a fight over philosophy. The minors are in the United States; they must be dealt with humanely under applicable U.S. laws. Failing to provide the money to do so for the sake of political gamesmanship is an abrogation of Congress' responsibility.

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The JV Dream

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I've raked through the China Dream several times, and looked back at the European and American Dreams that preceded it. Raised for 20 years in the Philippines of meta-brain Europe, I am privy to the wisdom of Madrid, Munich, London, Prague and Istanbul, inherited from the nomadic shepherds of the Levant and the Vikings that left their marks in the wilderness of the new world even before Columbus was even a gleam in his parents' eyes. Their dream flowered with the empires, leaving colonies all over the globe.

Then the financial tentacles of Uncle Sam emerged as a happy consequence of its industry during the two world wars. It was a source of abundant materials and affordable armaments in the conflict. It built a network of political and military alliances that made it preeminent in world economics and politics, notably in the access and processing of fossil fuel that met the energy requirements of the industry. Unfortunately, the American Dream ceded its moral high ground to the greed of its rapacious corporations that controlled economic globalization.

The American Dream found favor in the Philippines among the corporate giants that allowed them to be handmaidens to Western presence while retaining the innate traits of its Sino-Indo-Malay heritage. The Sino influence is considerable. Nine of the current top 10 billionaires are *Chinoys* (my term) with one pedigreed *Española*. I mention them here with at least one source of their wealth: *Henry Sy* of the SMs, *Lucio Tan* of brewery and tobacco, *Andrew Tan* of Megaworld, *Enrique Razon, Jr.* of transportation and ports, *John Gokongwei* of the Robinson's malls, *David Consunji* in construction and mining, *George Ty* of banking and Toyota, *Tony Tan Caktiong* of fast foods, *Robert Coyiuto Jr.* of insurance and power generation, and *Andrew Gotianun* of Filinvest and Pacific Sugar Holdings.

A ranking Canadian official was once caught ad-libbing in an open mike on his views of new Chinese immigrants. To him, they were nothing but moneymakers without ethics and morals given an "atheistic" background. Obviously not a fair characterization, but it points to the fact that Chinese wealth and industry pose a strong challenge to the preeminence of the U.K.-U.S. axis of financial services and industrial innovations across the globe. The ascent of China's economy plays into those of Sino-descent in many countries around the world, not the least of which is in resurgent Philippines, only a stone's throw from investors in Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Taipei, Seoul and Tokyo, and its colonial ties to Madrid and NYC.

This reflection is, however, focused on an individual's dream, *moi.* A few days after hitting my 69 (solar) and 70 (lunar) years, I delved into my personal destiny once more, and related that to a vision of the world and the planet I inhabit. For current issues of privacy, I will refrain from mentioning names, but it should be made clear that a personal vision involves individual personal lives.

I am writing in the next seven years. Let me rephrase that. I will be managing and utilizing English words as a means to describe my sense experiences (see, smell, taste, hear, and touch), express my feelings (loves and hates), articulate my ideas (height, depth, and breath of intelligence in dialogue with others), and formulate my time-and-space located behavior (practical intentions and strategic plans).

As has been repeated often enough, this exercise is not to make readers know this writer more as it is to invite others to engage in similar exercises, to meditate and contemplate on their own journey and see if they can also use words to narrate it. Obviously, photos communicate better, but I am suggesting one year, one page for bio-profiles, and one page, one theme for focused recollections.

While writing, I will be teaching mostly kids who want to get familiar with speaking English. I have titled my pedagogy as oral *englisCHe* to accent the peculiar thought patterns of the *Putunghua* as the beginning point and launching pad of discourse. Students are pushed to describe their sense experiences, beginning with identifying parts of their bodies, describing their functions, and reminiscing experiences.

Doing this in China goes along with our conviction that the China Dream vis-à-vis the American and European one, as articulated by the current Beijing Politburo, particularly President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang, is democratic, egalitarian, and equitably global. These three words reflect my vision of the planetary society I intend to inhabit as it impinges on my immediate environment in Daoyi, Shenyang in Liaoning, China.

The three words—*democratic, egalitarian and global*—sufficiently describe my personal behavior, my relationship to individuals I come in contact with, and my accountability of the established community structures where I live, including nation-states and the network of groups operating with a global context in the planet—a dream embodied in this person-specific flesh.

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Tinilaikan Kabayero

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Gi talulu` `nai sumen chafleg i ekonomia, man-ma-apprueba lai pot gayera yan kinentran matala` saramata' famalao`an giya Garapan. Lau na ti oppan na i ekonomia i dichu problema-ta? Pues haf` taimanu na taiguine na nina`tatah na modun lehislasion ni mofo`na ke linala` i tautau?

Machoneg casino dispues mañeha ya man-esalau na debi u guaha inadahe sa` dañkulu na aminasu i maguiguige na fasilidat kontra usun hanom gi mas man-hihot siha na soñgsoñg. Na ti mayot patte este na konsiderasion antes mohon de in` apprueba casino?

Mampos inipos appenas sensian menhalom. Ya para este ta`lu na tropa para ta entrega ni linala`ta? Gi uttimu besis siempre i casino na industria u enemigon i tautau gigon hasan hanom gi señgsoñg siha gi latkatan.

Lastima sa` ha pega i Saina ilu-ta gi hilu` apaga`ta ya hana` talag me`na. Dispues ha na`ye kabesa para usun man-hassu. Hana ginachuñge atadog, talañga yan pachot para usun antau na kabayero. Lau ni unu gumai setbi gi `nai ma-apprueba lehislasion casino. Dispues sige man-e`salau "Fana`an hu tatke`yu`!" A`Saina!

Silensiu na milag sadog

Sige umafulu`yu` yan inkabukau na hinasoghu estake mattuyu` guatu gi fina` sadog ni mimilalag silensiu gi hilu` kulot apu na achu. Gaige gi halom lehñgun na tinatampe man-dañkulon troñku gi santatte. Sumen nama`aggem i pañgpañg hanom ni sinigunduduye ni suaben mañglu.

I milag sadog gai leksion ni didog: Ayu na hinanauña ti u na`lu tatte sa` siempre u soda` lugatña gi fondun tasi. Parehu yan hita mismu `nai tita chule` pronto i appottunidat para ta adelanta hit. Maliñgu!

I katen pajaru kulan bos gi chagu` ni numana`e hit abisu para ta adahe pinekatta gi oriyan milag. Gaige i cha`guan kulan guafag para fan deskansota. I fina` lehñgun hana` fresko oriya-ta mientras tantos. Man-gaige hit gi tanu` nana-ta naturat `nai libianu ta petsige haf` otru planu-ta.

Bonitu i oriyan este na lugat ni numana`e-yu` sentimentun katma yan pas. Yangin estague` i kanton lañget, pues yahu ha` lumasaga pot manñge yan felis siñienteghu. Lau gaige obligasion-hu gi un` banda na ume`esalau. Dios tiampare!

Bisnis iya Marianas

Deste ke echu-yu` tautau, hu hassu matratan komunidat bisnis kulan mohon tailaye yan saki na patgon bastatdu. Mas tana` tatkilu` offisiun gobietnu `nai ta umpañg otru lache na hinassu: gaston operasion gobietnu mafattu gi hechuran poduñg fondu ginen i lañget. Esta pa`gu ti hu sosoda` mañgge ennau na lañget.

Man-malefa hit na ginen kalaguag-ta muna` kalalamten operasion gobietnu layeye ginen i kontribusion tax siha ginen bandan bisnis. Sin este na pisu, ni unu na empleau umasueddu `nai taya` moneda gi kaha. Poresu na sumen impottante na ta komprende i sustansian kontribusion bisnis gi kinalamte-ta gi operasion gobietnu.

Dispues, atan sa` ti offisiun gobietnu mama` ganansia soluke para man-gasta. Ya todu ha` tumuñgu` na guaha gi gaston kontribusionta man-lache na disposision. Sumen presisu lokue` na gi todu ta petsige ta impeña gi man-ma`gasta kabales na esplikasion gi todu gastun fondun publiku ni mafattu ginen kalaguag-ta.

Edukau na tropa

I kualidat linala`ta mau`udai gi kualidat areglo-ta. I tatatte mau`udai gi kualidat representante-ta ni ta bobota kada dos años. Este na sistema sumede i publiku mamatinas tinilaika gi man-fatsu siha na representante.

I rason na hu fafama edukasion kolehu para mona sa` i ma-eduka kolehu ya ha gana eskuelaña un` dañkulu na indikasion na antau gi estudiuña ya libianu mañgomprende gi man-sustansiau siha na asuntun publiku. Estague` `nai gaige i difirensia kontra ti sen añgoghuyon na edukasion high school piot ya ni manaitai sumen fatsu.

Ahe` ti guahu in` didibi nu este na asuntu soluke hamyu mismu. Malago hau antau na kinalamten para mona, pues fan ayeg man-edukau na tropa ni gumana eskuelan niha kolehu. Estague` na pisu `nai siña adumididi` ta aregla ha`anen famaguon-ta ginen man-sustansiau yan maplanuye na areglu siha. Pot siha na sumen presisu dinanche na disision ginen hita ni mañaina.

Amigu Magoo

Ha kachetgue` amiguhu bihun hanyiboñg, franela yan tihuñg peskadot. Sige hana` kilulog i talayan tiau kulan mohon hagas lagse na fafayiña. Lau tapbla ham na dos sa` ni unu tumuñgu gugo`teña i talaya antes de un` dagau halom gi tasi. Sige ha banidosuye-yu` taimanu para dagauña.

Hu faisen kau mañule`gue` esta lisensian talaya. `Nai ilegña "ahe', ileghu magpu` i nobena sa` siempre in`fa` tasi i fina plaset gi oriyan lanchoña.

Hu soñge chipahu sa` esta o`sun titanoshu madage. Guiya lokue` dumeskansa sa` yayas mandage. `Nai hu kaikaiyu` para bai` hanau huna`e agradesimientu ni patteghu tiau. Era, ha repara na in` keni` pachot i tiau ni gaige numanañgu gi halom tasi. Dios mihu na che`chu` muron!

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Humanau ham dispues para Laulau pot para bai`n atan kau haf` mohon i chansa manampe tiau `sino faya. Ti mauleg sineda` mame kulan mohon antigosu tiniñgu` mame pot klima yan kinalamten guiha. Sumugu` ham gi metkau guihan. Mamahan ham kelaguen mame laggua. Ileghu, "Estegue` seguru sa` esta gaige gi halom karetahu". Sige chumaleg ni manadan espantu deste oga`an ya ni unu gi entre hame peskadot! Dios mihu!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voter registration drive

I guess my love for the CNMI will always inspire me to think how I can be of service to the community and especially to the guest workers even during my short visits here. Last Saturday, I met with some of the Filipino community leaders and we talked about how we can help during this coming election. One of the things discussed in the meeting was doing a voter registration drive for the U.S. citizen children of guest workers who are or will be eligible to vote in November. During the last few days, I have been going around places to talk to these kids and realized that there is really a need to launch a drive to encourage the youth to register. Over a few days, I met several of them who are already of voting age but have not registered yet so I decided to write this letter.

Please visit the Commonwealth Election Commission at http://votecnmi.gov.mp/ and check if you are qualified to register. If you are qualified, please register. Do not waste your opportunity to create a difference, especially in your parents' lives. I dream that one day the political power of our youth is already built and they are unified so they can be the voice of the guest workers. It is important to keep our families together and have the opportunity to continue to stay here with improved status.

If you are interested to register and need someone to take you there, please call Ronnie at 235-1965, Andrea at 287-9750 or Irene at 285-0258. I am also asking the parents to help us encourage their children and also talk to other parents as well. Those who are interested to volunteer, you may also call or send us a text message.

I am praying for a successful election this year and may those who truly have the heart for the guest workers win.

Irene Tantiado
Garapan, Saipan

UMDA big shots asked for Cape Air and that's what they got

This problem with Cape Air started in the '80s and can be traced directly to arrogance on the part of the 50 Chamorros that control the CNMI and a couple of former Trust Territory big shots. In the '80s UMDA owned 60 percent of Air Micronesia, remember? These egomaniacs, led by Larry Hillbloom, told Continental to shove it, we can do it ourselves, so Continental, tired of these crazies' antics, moved to Guam where they are very happy. Happy to be free of the lunatics running UMDA. Many of the same lunatics are still in charge of the asylum known as the CNMI, and unless you kick all of them out and get fresh, qualified, educated and dedicated people in charge of the government, you are going to be stuck with these idiots for another two or four years.

Voters, you simply must go against your fathers, uncles and grandpas in this election, for the good of the other 50,000 residents of the CNMI. House Bill 18-12, passed by the do-nothing 18th Legislature, authorizes the government to issue another $300 million in bonds (we know it as debt) for the Retirement Fund. This is the kind of stupid laws that the Legislature has been passing for the past 36 years. We are all guilty of not taking an interest in our government and this is just another example of why our "leaders" are not leaders. We owe a billion dollars, well not us because we will all be dead before this is paid, but our great, great grandkids will inherit it, from us. Does that make you proud?

Suck it up now, folks, don't let our government borrow any more. Retirees, stop being so selfish and self-centered. You elected the people that messed up your Retirement Fund and you have to share in the pain unless you feel good about passing on this debt to every person in the CNMI for the next 50 years or more.

Remember this, the 50 or so people sitting on top of the pyramid don't care about you, even though some of you have the same last names as theirs. There is a difference between their last names that only they know about for some reason. They are spelled the same but, for some strange reason, they are not the same.

Hey! What is going on with the CNMI GOP

Here is the Preamble of the CNMI Republican Party: "We, the members of the CNMI Republican Party, firmly hold that individual freedom is paramount; that government should be efficient, productive, accountable, responsive, transparent, and limited; that our families are at the core of our combined achievements; and that our economy should be fundamentally centered on the people of the CNMI and their aspirations for life, liberty and the pursuit of individual happiness and higher achievements..."

When the GOP says "family" they mean the 50 people from the nine families in the House and the six families in the Senate that have controlled our lives since 1978. They have elected unqualified, untrained and, in some cases, uneducated family members to write our laws, recommend and appoint department heads and board members, and influence the public and island businesses. Nineteen months ago 29 Senate and House members started the 18th CNMI legislature. Their score card sucks. As of July 29, only 57 bills passed, authored by only 19 members and only six wrote more than two. Seven reduced revenues and only two raised them, one the hotel tax, the other parking meter fees (wow, there's a money raiser). Seventeen were amendments, three were renaming buildings or something and the rest were things that could and should be taken cared or by department heads, if we had any.

That's it folks. Only six out of 29 are doing any real work and 10 are just sitting on their butts all the time and 13 most of the time. This election, get informed about more than the candidates' names. Do not vote for someone just because they have five names—it doesn't mean they are better than one with four names or three names or whatever. Demand transparency. Demand accountability. Demand to see their qualification. Demand to know what they are going to do for us. 2014 is the year to take back our government. We just have to stop hiring unqualified people to the most important job in the CNMI. (Note: Four bills from the cnmileg.com site—HB 18-18, 26, 47, and 48—have been deleted for some reason and I can't report on these)

What is wrong with PSS, part 2014

Well, just about everything, from an out of touch Board of Education, to the commissioner and most of the 565 teachers. Other than that, I guess things are fine, if you like your kids coming out brainwashed and brain dead. Enrollment in 2012-13 was 11,011. PSS received a total of $34.4 million in grants from federal agencies and $30 million from the CNMI, for a total of $64.4M. In 2013-14, enrollment was 10,638 and the local budget was $33 million. I can't find the federal funding for 2013-14 but it is expected to be $35.6 million for 2014-15 so I assume it's between these two figures, I'll say $35 million, total $68 million. Enrollment down, money up and PSS can't manage? Go figure.

What PSS needs is a good comptroller. Oh, I forgot, a good comptroller wouldn't work for PSS because a good comptroller wouldn't be given the authority needed to crush the politicos that control PSS, and the parents, teachers and most of the administrator don't even know what a comptroller is or what they do. Good idea for a class project. Oops! Forgot, PSS doesn't do class projects like that.

I keep running into people who remind me of the thousands of netbooks distributed a couple years ago and point to increased test scores and smarter students. BS, nothing will change at PSS until the curriculum is changed to let students use touch screen tablets and the Internet for learning. Stop teaching and let these young people learn what they are really interested in. A good start would be to make Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero PSS commissioner. He is tech-savvy and that is what PSS desperately needs in 2014-2015

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 25 to 35 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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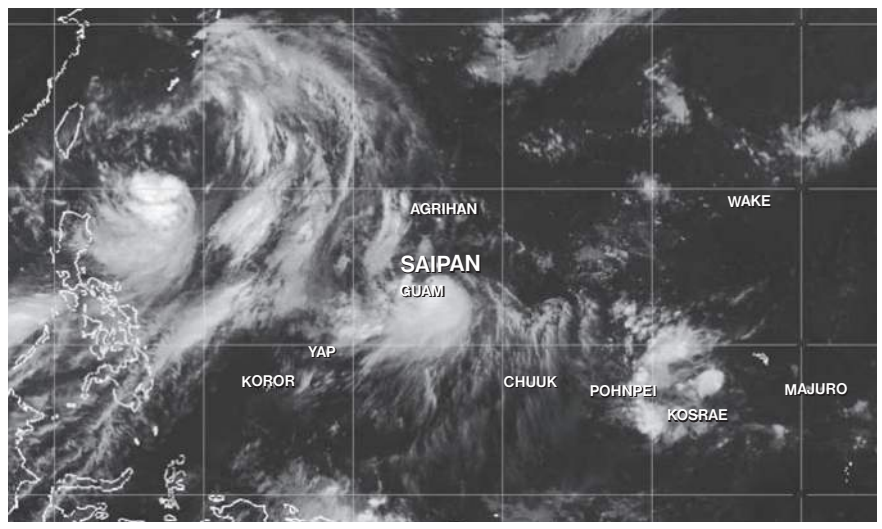
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83	▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼79
Yap	Cloudy	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼48
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼75
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲89	▼82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼75
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲78	▼61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼69
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Melbourne	Rain	▲62	▼42
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼78
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲81	▼66
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲92	▼76
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼61
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼76
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼67
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲89	▼74
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88	▼76
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲85	▼66

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Halong (11W) is centered west of Rota at 14N145E moving west-northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 65 mph. Numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen over Guam and near the center of Halong between 10N and 15N from 140E to 147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present farther out from the center within 120 miles of a line from 12N139E to 19N145E. For more information on Tropical Storm Halong see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A tropical disturbance is centered east of Taiwan near 22N130E. Converging monsoon winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Philippine Sea west of a line from 25N138E to 20N139E to 13N138E to 11N132E. Another tropical disturbance is centered east of Pohnpei near 8N161E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring just east of Pohnpei and over Kosrae between 4N and 12N from 159E to 165E. An old frontal boundary extends northeastward from 21N168E to beyond 25N at 178E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present along and up to 160 miles northwest of this boundary.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:35 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
10:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
5:25 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
11:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:07 AM	9:28 PM
Friday	9:54 AM	10:06 PM
Saturday	10:43 AM	10:47 PM
Sunday	11:33 AM	11:29 PM
Monday	12:26 PM	

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
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UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
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UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D2 8009	12:50pm	4:05pm	Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

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UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
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UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Business

Escaping email: Inspired vision or hallucination?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Dustin Moskovitz is plotting an escape from email.

The 30-year-old entrepreneur has learned a lot about communication since he teamed up with his college roommate Mark Zuckerberg to create Facebook a decade ago, and that knowledge is fueling an audacious attempt to change the way people connect at work, where the incessant drumbeat of email has become an excruciating annoyance.

Moskovitz is trying to turn that chronic headache into an afterthought with Asana, a San Francisco startup he runs with former Facebook and Google product manager, Justin Rosenstein.

Asana peddles software that combines the elements of a communal notebook, social network, instant messaging application and online calendar to enable teams of employees to share information and do most of their jobs without relying on email.

"We are trying to make all the soul-sucking work that comes with email go away," Rosenstein says as Moskovitz nods sitting across from him in a former brewery that serves as Asana's headquarters. "This came out of a deep, heartfelt pain that Dustin and I were experiencing, along with just about everyone around us."

The misery keeps mounting in the corporate world, which remains an email haven. This year, each worker using a business email account will send and receive a daily average of 121 mail messages, a 15 percent increase from 105 per day in 2011, according to The Radicati Group, which tracks email usage.

In contrast, consumers have been weaning themselves from electronic inboxes and increasingly turning to digital alternatives such as Facebook, Twitter and mobile messaging.

More email translates to less productivity as workers spend more time weeding their inboxes and puzzling over convoluted exchanges among a hodgepodge of colleagues and managers scattered in various offices -or sometimes just a cubicles away. To exacerbate matters, vital pieces of business information are often corralled in a worker's inbox instead of in a database that can be searched by anyone working on the same project.

Moskovitz

Rosenstein

If companies set up communications channels that worked more like social networks, the amount of time workers could devote to other things would increase by about 8 percent each week, according to estimates from a study by the McKinsey Global Institute. Another 6 percent of the workweek would be freed up if the shift away from email could unlock more of the so-called "dark matter" hidden in individual inboxes, McKinsey estimates.

These are the problems Asana is trying to solve. Its bare-bones system, free to use for teams of up to 15 workers, is set up so information can be easily seen by anyone authorized by the company. Asana hopes to make money by selling subscriptions to more sophisticated versions of its software that can accommodate larger groups of workers.

Moskovitz began working on what would turn into an early prototype for Asana while he was still at Facebook in late 2007. He had become frustrated with email's shortcomings and set out to build a better alternative for managing Facebook's projects. Before long, he was spending all his time figuring out how to escape email instead of managing Facebook's engineers.

Here's how Asana works

Asana is a service created to minimize the need for workplace email by serving as a one-stop shop for assigning work, sharing ideas, posting important updates and tracking the progress of projects.

Here's how Asana works:

■ The service is free for teams of up to 15 workers. The company sells subscriptions for a version of the service that gives access to more than 15 people. Asana says some companies are already paying to have several hundred employees on the service.

■ Asana users create tasks or projects that can be communally shared on a main page that acts somewhat like a social network. Workers can comment on the posts. A manager can also add workers who need to "follow" the thread, even long after a project started. Workers can also "unfollow" a project when they no longer need to be part of an ongoing discussion.

■ Various projects and tasks can be displayed in order of their priority. Deadlines can be defined and managers can track the status of the work.

■ The service's controls can be set to give access to contractors or key partners outside the company. By the same token, the controls can be managed to limit which internal employees have access to discussions.

■ Asana users can signify that they have seen a comment or agree with an idea by posting a "heart" next to it, which is similar to a Facebook "like."

■ When information about a project needs to be kept confidential, employees can communicate through private messages. ***(AP)***

Toyota remains at top in sales after first half

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota remains No. 1 in global vehicles sales after the first six months of this year, followed by Volkswagen which bumped General Motors out of second place as the U.S. automaker grapples with a recall scandal.

Japan's Toyota Motor Corp. announced Wednesday that January-June global sales totaled 5.097 million vehicles, up nearly 4 percent from a year earlier. Sales grew in its home Japanese market as well in the rest of Asia, U.S. and Europe.

Sales in Japan were strong because of a rush to beat the rise in the consumption tax that kicked in from April 1, according to Toyota.

Toyota's vehicle sales soared 12 percent in China, while they also held up in North America, growing 5 percent. Toyota also did well in Europe, with sales edging up 8 percent.

Toyota declined comment on being No. 1. Toyota officials say they are merely trying to satisfy customers, one car at a time, and not competing to be at the top.

All auto officials tend to make such comments in public, but there is no question of the intense competition.

Volkswagen of Germany sold 4.97 million vehicles in the first half, outpacing General Motors Co. at 4.92 million vehicles, according to figures released earlier this month. VW's sales are growing faster than that of Detroit-based GM, which is grappling with a major recall over faulty ignition switches.

Toyota, which makes the Camry sedan, Prius hybrid and Lexus luxury models, finished at the top last year with a record 9.98 million vehicles. GM was second and VW third.

Toyota expects to sell more than 10 million vehicles this year, a milestone in the industry.

GM had been the top-selling automaker for more than seven decades before losing the title to Toyota in 2008. GM retook the sales crown in 2011, when Toyota's production was hurt by the quake and tsunami in northeastern Japan.

Toyota made a powerful comeback in 2012, and appears on track to retain its title this year.

The battle among the three automakers remains tight, fought out in still largely untested territory in new markets.

Toyota is a relative latecomer in China, for instance, whereas GM and VW are longtime powerhouses there. Toyota, however, is rapidly catching up.

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Poll: Immigration concerns rise with tide of kids

McALLEN, Texas (AP)—For nearly two months, images of immigrant children who have crossed the border without a parent, only to wind up in concrete holding cells once in the United States, have tugged at heartstrings. Yet most Americans now say U.S. law should be changed so they can be sent home quickly, without a deportation hearing.

A new Associated Press-GfK poll finds two-thirds of Americans now say illegal immigration is a serious problem for the country, up 14 points since May and on par with concern about the issue in May 2010, when Arizona's passage of a strict anti-immigration measure brought the issue to national prominence.

Nearly two-thirds, 62 percent, say immigration is an important issue for them personally, a figure that's up 10 points since March. President Barack Obama's approval rating for his handling of immigration dropped in the poll, with just 31 percent approving of his performance on the issue, down from 38 percent in May.

More than 57,000 unaccompanied immigrant children have illegally entered the country since October. Most of the children hail from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, where gang violence is pervasive. Many are seeking to reunite with a parent already living in the United States.

Since initially calling the surge an "urgent humanitarian situation" in early June, Obama has pressed Central American leaders to stem the flow and has asked Congress for $3.7 billion in new money to hire more immigration judges, build more detention space and process children faster.

House Republicans on Tuesday put forward a bill costing $659 million through the final two months of the fiscal year that would send National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border and allow authorities to deport children more quickly.

By a 2-to-1 margin, Americans oppose the current process for handling unaccompanied minors crossing the border, which requires that those who are not from Mexico or Canada stay in the U.S. and receive a hearing before a judge before they can be deported. Changing the law to allow all children crossing illegally to be sent back without such a hearing drew support from 51 percent of those polled.

Obama's proposal for emergency funding, in comparison, was favored by 32 percent and opposed by 38 percent.

Santiago Moncada, a 65-year-old Austin resident who is retired from a state human resources job, said he had considered both proposals and ultimately believes the children need to be deported.

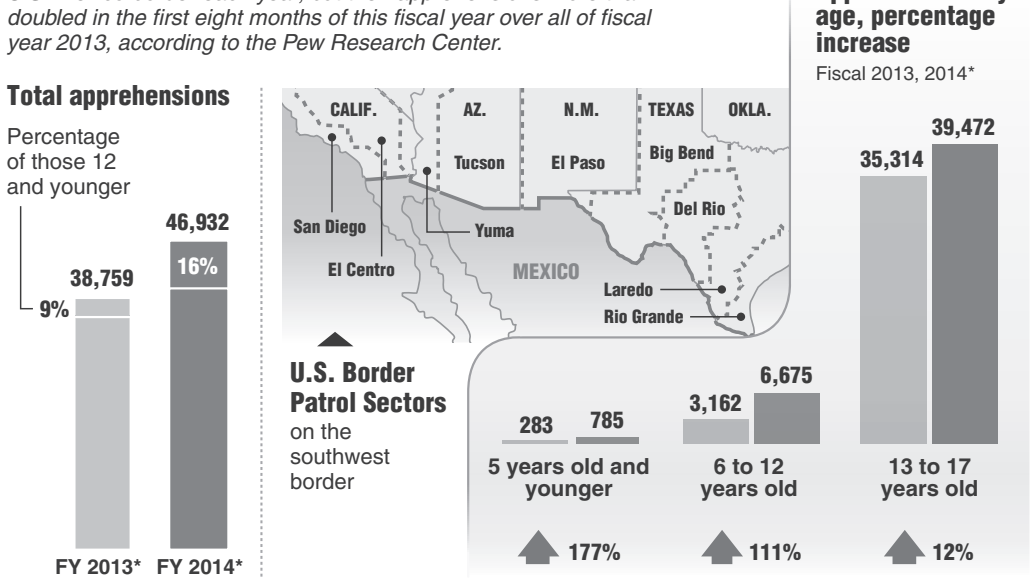
"My heart goes out to them," said Moncada, a political independent originally from the border city of Eagle Pass. "It needs to be done only because we need to send a message saying our borders are closed. You need to apply for citizenship. You need to apply to come to the United States. You can't just cross the border illegally.

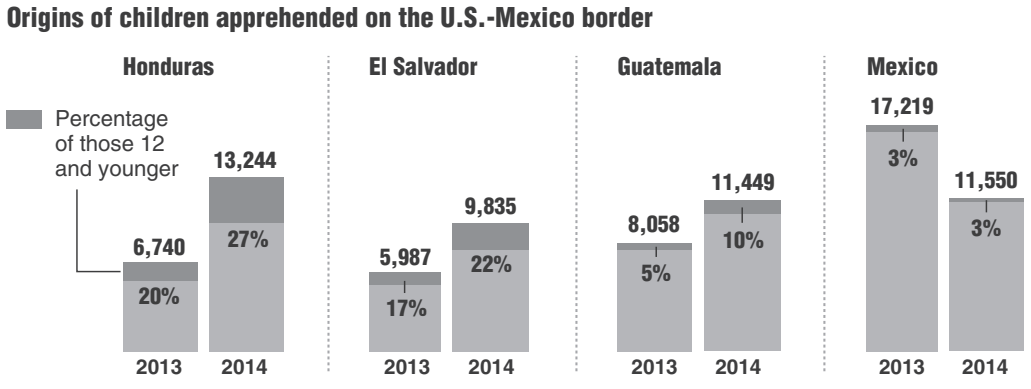
AP

In this June 18, 2014, file photo, detainees sleep in a holding cell at a U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing facility in Brownsville, Texas.

Unaccompanied children crossing the border

Children under 12 and traveling alone are caught crossing the U.S.-Mexico border each year, but their apprehensions more than doubled in the first eight months of this fiscal year over all of fiscal year 2013, according to the Pew Research Center.





*Fiscal year 2013 was October 2012 through September 2013; fiscal year 2014 figures are from October 2013 through May 2014

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Searchers find bodies of Arkansas man, infant son

DANVILLE, Ark. (AP)—A four-day search for an Arkansas man and his 10-month-old son came to a grim end Tuesday as authorities discovered their bodies in a remote area of the Ouachita Mountains, authorities said Tuesday.

Brooke Floyd, who was the wife of Brian Floyd and mother of Harper Floyd, remained in jail Tuesday on a preliminary charge of endangering the welfare of a minor. She was seen with her husband and son on Friday morning, hours before she was found wandering alone on a remote road in the area, which is about 80 miles west of Little Rock.

At the time, she looked "cut up and scarred as if she had been in a wooded area," Yell County Sheriff Bill Gilkey told the Southwest Times Record.

He said Brooke Floyd "spoke of a separation Friday night" and listed her marital status as "single" on the police report.

"Investigators are still trying to get to the bottom of what caused the separation," Gilkey added.

Brooke Floyd didn't initially cooperate with the search effort and was arrested over the weekend on the child endangerment complaint, but she later led authorities to the family's truck, which was towed from the area Tuesday.

Gilkey said searchers found Harper's body in the mountainous terrain at around 1:30 p.m. and found his father's about an hour later. The bodies were taken to the state crime lab for autopsies.

"It's not the outcome we certainly had hoped for and our prayers and thoughts go out to the families involved," Gilkey said at a news conference at the remote site.

Gilkey said investigators don't know yet whether they consider Brooke Floyd a suspect or a victim. Nobody responded to a message seeking comment left Tuesday at a number listed as hers.

The sheriff told The Associated Press late Tuesday that investigators were meeting with county prosecutors to go over the case, and said the review could take several days. Gilkey did not say whether the deaths were the result of homicide or accident.

"Right now, it's still the same; we're still in meetings, going back over everything that's happened since 1:30 p.m. last Friday," Gilkey told the AP by phone.

The Floyds, who lived in Greenwood, were seen together in a green pickup truck in Mansfield on Thursday evening and again the next morning in Yell County, between Moore's Chapel Cemetery and Lick Creek Recreation Area.

ACROSS THE NATION

Man wrongly imprisoned seeks millions from state

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)—A man cleared of murder and rape charges after being locked up for two decades made an emotional appeal for millions of dollars in compensation on Tuesday, telling the state claims commissioner about the fear he endured in prison. Kenneth Ireland was imprisoned at the age of 18 and released in 2009 at age 39 after DNA tests proved that another man fatally beat a mother of four in 1986. He's seeking $5.4 million to $8 million under Connecticut's wrongful incarceration law. "You never think this is going to happen to you, especially in America," Ireland said during his nearly two-hour appearance. "I figured there was an error being made and that they'd figure this out and it would go away."

Defense to oversee plagiarism probe

HELENA, Mont. (AP)—The Department of Defense has taken the unusual step of overseeing a plagiarism investigation being conducted by the U.S. Army War College against Sen. John Walsh because the Montana Democrat is a member of Congress, the college's provost said Tuesday. The department will review the recommendations of the school's academic review board, Provost Lance Betros said. Army Col. Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said Tuesday the decision on whether punishment is warranted against Walsh will be made by Maj. Gen. William Rapp, the commandant of the U.S. Army War College. Betros said it was his understanding that the decision on punishment would be made by the Pentagon, and he said he has no knowledge that the sanctions would be decided by Rapp.

Broken water main floods UCLA; 5 people rescued

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A broken water main near the UCLA campus Tuesday sent a geyser of water some 30 feet into the air, trapping people in underground parking garages and covering some of the best-known parts of campus in water, including the school's famed basketball arena. The 30-inch, 93-year-old pipe that broke under nearby Sunset Boulevard made a raging river of the street and sent millions of gallons of water across the school's athletic facilities, including the famed floor of Pauley Pavilion the neighboring Wooden Center training facility, as well as a pair of parking structures that took the brunt of the damage. The arena recently underwent a $132 million renovation that was completed in October 2012.

Top Colorado court halts gay marriages in Boulder

DENVER (AP)—Boulder County must stop issuing marriage licenses to gay couples while the Colorado Supreme Court considers an appeal from the state's attorney general, justices said in a ruling Tuesday. The court ruling was in response to an appeal from Republican Attorney General John Suthers, who has been trying for several weeks to get Boulder's clerk to stop giving marriage licenses to gay couples until there's a definitive ruling on same-sex unions from the U.S. Supreme Court. The same court previously ruled in Suthers' favor in ordering Denver to stop issuing licenses, but that ruling didn't apply to Boulder.

Asia

Death toll rises to 23 in Philippine road attack

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A 3-year-old boy and his father died from wounds suffered in a brazen attack by Abu Sayyaf extremists on Filipinos celebrating the end of Ramadan, raising the toll Tuesday to 23 dead, officials said.

About 40 to 50 Abu Sayyaf militants armed with assault rifles opened fire Monday on some 50 villagers as they traveled on a southern road to visit relatives during the holiday ending the Muslim holy month.

Marine Brig. Gen. Martin Pinto said six villagers who were wounded remained in the hospital Tuesday following the militants' bloodiest attack in recent years. Three other slightly wounded villagers have gone home after treatment.

The attack occurred in a coastal village in Talipao town in predominantly Muslim Sulu province, where the extremists have survived in jungle camps despite years of U.S.-backed Philippine military offensives.

Pinto says pursuit operations are continuing but there has been no encounter so far with the gunmen.

"It's not that easy, this is a vast area," he said in a telephone interview. But he said government troops are moving and "we will bring them to justice."

Initial military reports said 10 civilian security force personnel were with the villagers, but Pinto said Tuesday the information was being verified, including if six men among the dead were members of the Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team.

The motive for the attack was unclear. Officials say it could be part of a violent clan war or retaliation by the extremists against the civilian security team, which has backed the military in previous clashes where Abu Sayyaf members were killed.

Sulu Vice Governor Abdusakur Tan condemned the attack and alleged that supporters of a village official he did not name, in cooperation with the Abu Sayyaf, may be behind the "barbaric act."

"This is un-Islamic and very satanic," Tan said. "After going through the holy month of Ramadan, even animals could hardly inflict damage of such magnitude."

The Abu Sayyaf, which has about 300 armed fighters split into several factions, was organized in the early 1990s, but has been crippled by government operations and endures largely by conducting ransom kidnappings. It now holds about 10 hostages, including two German tourists seized in April and two birdwatchers, one Dutch and the other Swiss, who were kidnapped two years ago.

The Abu Sayyaf is one of about four smaller Muslim insurgent groups outside of a peace deal signed by the Philippine government in March with the main rebel group, the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front that calls for the creation of a more powerful and potentially larger autonomous region for minority Muslims in the south of the largely Roman Catholic country.

Sulu, about 950 kilometers (590 miles) south of Manila, is one of the country's poorest provinces.

AP

Bodies of victims in the brazen attack by about 40 to 50 Abu Sayyaf militants are covered in blankets at a makeshift morgue in Talipao township in Jolo in southern Philippines Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Suicide bomber kills Afghan president's cousin

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—A powerful cousin of outgoing Afghan President Hamid Karzai was assassinated by a suicide bomber hiding explosives in his cap on Tuesday, a provincial official said. It was the latest attack targeting Afghan power brokers and government officials as insurgents and political factions struggle for power ahead of the withdrawal of foreign combat forces by the end of this year. Hashmat Khalil Karzai was a staunch supporter of the president and had played an active role in the campaign to choose his cousin's successor. The attacker blew himself up while bowing to kiss Karzai's hand following morning prayers for the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr in a reception room at the Karzai family home in the southern province of Kandahar, a provincial government spokesman said.

Passengers stuck 3 nights in Hawaii finally leave

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A group of Air New Zealand passengers finally got airborne Tuesday after being stranded for three nights due to repeated delays from mechanical problems. The upside? They were stuck in Hawaii. And every passenger is getting 1,000 New Zealand dollars ($850) in compensation. Flight NZ9 was due to depart late Saturday from Honolulu for Auckland, but airline officials told the 227 passengers the plane was unable to leave because of problems related to an engine sensor. The airline issued an unusual public apology and promised that every passenger will be compensated with cash or the equivalent in a rewards program.

Khmer Rouge tribunal readies way for genocide case

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—A U.N.-backed tribunal on Wednesday began a hearing to prepare for the genocide trial of the two senior surviving leaders of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge, under whose rule an estimated 1.7 million people died in the late 1970s from starvation, exhaustion, disease and execution. Khieu Samphan, the regime's head of state, and Nuon Chea, right-hand man to the group's late leader, Pol Pot, are already set to face sentencing next week after being tried for crimes against humanity related mostly to the communist group's forced movement of millions to the countryside when it took power in 1975. The tribunal's chief judge, Nil Non, opened the hearings by reading the charges and crime sites set to be heard in the newest trial segment.

China: Ex-security czar Zhou under investigation

BEIJING (AP)—China's ruling Communist Party announced an investigation into a feared ex-security chief, demonstrating President Xi Jinping's firm grip on power and breaking a longstanding taboo against publicly targeting the country's topmost leaders.

If he goes to trial, Zhou Yongkang would be the highest-level official to be prosecuted since the 1981 treason trial of Mao Zedong's wife and other members of the "Gang of Four," who mercilessly persecuted political opponents during the chaotic 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

Until his retirement in 2012, the square-jawed, granite-faced Zhou was one of nine leaders in the party's ruling inner circle—the Politburo Standing Committee—whose incumbent and retired members had been considered off-limits for prosecution in an unwritten rule aimed at preserving party unity.

However, Xi, who is party leader as well as president, has vowed to go after both low- and high-level officials in his campaign to purge the party of corruption and other wrongdoing that have undermined its legitimacy in the public eye.

The party's anti-graft watchdog, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, said on its website Tuesday that it is investigating Zhou, 71, for serious violations of party discipline. Although it gave no details, such an announcement typically paves the way for the official to be ousted from the party and face prosecution.

A commentary by official Chinese news agency Xinhua on Wednesday said the investigation "clearly terminated a myth among many people that senior leaders are regarded to be immune from the party discipline regulation and the country's law enforcement."

Yongkang

The announcement ended months of speculation over Zhou amid reports of his family amassing great wealth as authorities began investigating dozens of his associates including several high-ranking officials and businesspeople. One after another, the associates disappeared into the custody of party investigators, foreshadowing problems for Zhou.

On Tuesday, the Chinese news magazine Caijing reported that Zhou's son was arrested by prosecutors in the city of Yichang in Hubei province, accused of "illegal business operations."

Zhou himself was last seen in October and is believed to have been detained sometime thereafter, although there was no public announcement.

By targeting Zhou, in charge of China's massive domestic security apparatus before his retirement, Xi showed the considerable power he has amassed since he took the helm of the party in November 2012.

China reports deadly attack in northwest

BEIJING (AP)—A mob armed with knives and axes rampaged through part of China's volatile northwestern region of Xinjiang and police responded with gunfire, leaving dozens of people dead in the latest violence blamed Islamic militants, state media reported Tuesday.

Many other people were injured in the violence Monday in Shache county near the city of Kashgar, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

However, that official account was disputed by a U.S.-based organization representing the Uighur ethnic group, many of whom live in Xinjiang.

The Uyghur American Association said Wednesday that according to "local sources," police killed protesters condemning "Chinese security forces' heavy-handed Ramadan crackdown since the beginning of the Holy Month and extrajudicial use of lethal force in recent weeks."

Neither version could be independently confirmed.

The government account said a mob first attacked a police station and government offices in the township of Elixku before moving on to a neighboring township, attacking civilians and smashing and setting on fire vehicles along the way.

Xinhua said dozens of people were killed or injured in the attacks but gave no precise figures. It also said that police shot and killed dozens of the attackers.

"Initial investigation showed that it was a premeditated terror attack. Further investigation is underway," Xinhua said.

Calls to more than a half-dozen police stations and government offices in the area either rang unanswered Tuesday evening or were answered by people who confirmed the attack but said they were not permitted to release any information about it.

The Uighur association said police had already killed several in the region before Monday's incident after a July 18 protest also denouncing police repression during Ramadan.

Obtaining details of violence in the remote region is usually impossible and authorities routinely prevent foreign journalists from working freely in the area.

There has been increasing violence in Xinjiang in recent months blamed on pro-independence militants from the region's native Turkic Uighur Muslim ethnic group. While some of the attacks have shown an increased level of sophistication and planning, most have relied on crude weaponry such as swords, bombs and homemade explosives.

China's government says the attackers have ties to overseas Islamic terror groups, although it has provided little evidence to back up its claim.

World

Shells hit UN school in Gaza, kill 15

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP)—Several Israeli tank shells slammed into a crowded U.N. school used as shelter for refugees in the Gaza war early on Wednesday, killing at least 15 people and wounding 90, a Palestinian health official and a U.N. official said.

The Israeli army had no immediate comment.

The strike hit the U.N. school in the Jebaliya refugee camp where hundreds of Palestinians had sought shelter from the intense fighting and Israeli tank fire, said Adnan Abu Hasna, a spokesman for the U.N. aid agency UNRWA, which has opened its schools to those displaced by the fighting.

Starting at around 4:30, several tank shells hit the school compound, a few minutes apart, said the school principal, Fayez Abu Dayeh. He said shells hit two classrooms and a bathroom.

In one of the classrooms, the front wall was blown out, leaving debris and bloodied clothing. Another strike tore a large round hole into the ceiling of a second floor class-room.

Ashraf al-Kidra, a Palestinian health official, said at least 15 people were killed and about 90 wounded.

The deadly strike came a day after Israel unleashed its heaviest air and artillery assault in the bloodiest day of the three-week Gaza war, destroying key symbols of Hamas control, shutting down the territory's only power plant and leaving at least 128 Palestinians dead.

Top doctor dies from Ebola after treating dozens

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP)—A leading doctor who risked his own life to treat dozens of Ebola patients died Tuesday from the disease, officials said, as a major regional airline announced it was suspending flights to the cities hardest hit by an outbreak that has killed more than 670 people.

Dr. Sheik Humarr Khan, who was praised as a national hero for treating the disease in Sierra Leone, was confirmed dead by health ministry officials there. He had been hospitalized in quarantine.

Health workers have been especially vulnerable to contracting Ebola, which is spread through bodily fluids such as saliva, sweat, blood and urine. Two American health workers are currently hospitalized with Ebola in neighboring Liberia.

The Ebola outbreak is the largest in history with deaths blamed on the disease not only in Sierra Leone and Liberia, but also Guinea and Nigeria. The disease has no vaccine and no specific treatment, with a fatality rate of at least 60 percent.

Binyah Kesselly, chairman of the Liberia Airport Authority board, said police are now present at the airport in Monrovia to enforce screening of passengers.

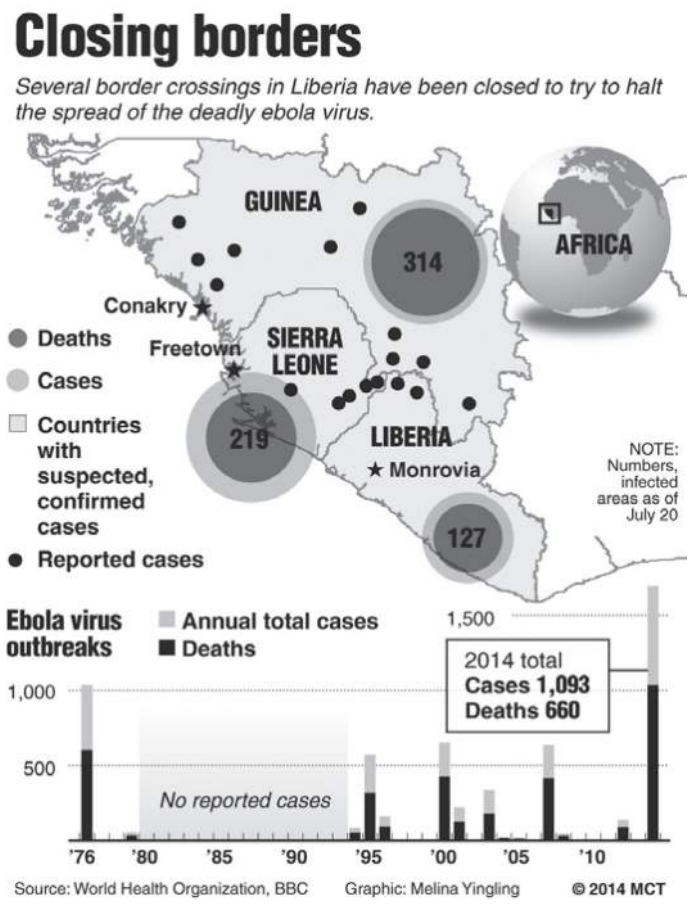
"So if you have a flight and you are not complying with the rules, we will not allow you to board," he said.

In a statement released Tuesday, airline ASKY said it was temporarily halting flights not only to Monrovia but also to Freetown, Sierra Leone. Flights will continue to the capital of the third major country where people have died—Guinea—though passengers departing from there will be "screened for signs of the virus."

Passengers at the airline's hub in Lome, Togo also will be screened by medical teams, it said.

"ASKY is determined to keep its passengers and staff safe during this unsettling time," the statement said.

The measures follow the death Friday of a 40-year-old American man of Liberian descent, who had taken several flights on ASKY, causing widespread fear at a time when the outbreak shows no signs of slowing in West Africa.



Patrick Sawyer, who worked for the West African nation's Finance Ministry, took an ASKY Airlines flight from Liberia to Ghana, then on to Togo and eventually to Nigeria where he was immediately taken into quarantine until his death.

His sister had died of Ebola though he maintained he had not had close physical contact with her when she was sick. At the time, Liberian authorities said they had not been requiring health checks of departing passengers in Monrovia.

The World Health Organization says the risk of travelers contracting Ebola is considered low because it requires direct contact with bodily fluids or secretions such as urine, blood, sweat or saliva, experts say. Ebola can't be spread like flu through casual contact or breathing in the same air.

Patients are contagious only once the disease has progressed to the point they show symptoms, according to the WHO. And the most vulnerable are health care workers and relatives who come in much closer contact with the sick.

Still, the early symptoms of Ebola—fever, aches and sore throat—mirror many other diseases including malaria and typhoid, experts say. Only in later stages of Ebola do patients sometimes experience severe internal bleeding and blood coming out of their mouth, eyes or ears.

At the Finance Ministry where Sawyer worked, officials announced they were temporarily shutting down operations. All employees who came into contact with Sawyer before he left for Nigeria were being placed under surveillance, it said.

In West Africa medical facilities are scarce and some affected communities have in panic attacked the international health workers trying to help them.

Despite the heightened precautions and reassurances from health workers, many Liberians said they were still fearful of contracting Ebola through casual contact.

Garmie Gayflor, a hotel waitress, said that poverty made Liberians especially vulnerable. The country was battered by back-to-back civil wars between 1989 and 2003.

Shelling adds to mounting civilian toll in Ukraine

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—Shells smashed into a residential neighborhood of Donetsk on Tuesday as Ukrainian forces intensified their campaign to encircle the rebel stronghold. The shelling killed at least two people, blew gaping holes in an apartment block and raised fears that the city is on the verge of severe bloodshed.

Fighting also raged elsewhere in Ukraine's troubled east, bringing the death toll to at least 24 civilians and 10 soldiers over the past day. And it prevented international investigators once again from visiting the site of the Malaysia Airlines jet shot down earlier this month.

The increased danger to civilians has brought sharp criticism from the United Nations and human rights groups. But each side blames the other for shelling residential areas.

The rebels insist the attacks are evidence of what they describe as the government's indiscriminate oppression of its own people. But Ukraine insists that it has banned the use of artillery in residential areas and in turn accuses separatists of targeting civilians in an effort to discredit the army.

Donetsk until recently had seen little fighting other than a rebel attempt in May to seize the city's airport. But Tuesday's barrage, along with last week's shelling of the city's main railroad station, has brought the war painfully close to the city of nearly 1 million. Ukrainian forces have made advances against rebels in nearby towns.

Fighting between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russia separatists also has been heavy around Luhansk, the second-largest city held by the rebels. Five people died when artillery fire hit a home for the elderly there on Monday, local authorities said.

"This is done by terrorists," said Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council, referring to the shelling of civilians. "Under instructions from the president, in residential areas and communities where we have Ukrainian citizens, we do not fire artillery or perform airstrikes."

But rebels accuse the government of indiscriminately using heavy artillery against residential neighborhoods in areas under their control.

The Donetsk shelling sent about 50 frightened residents to huddle for safety in an underground parking lot, including Lubov Skorikh who was distraught at discovering that her husband Vladimir had been killed.

"I ran out. ... An old woman told me, `Look, there is a man lying there.' I didn't even think that could be my husband. But then I saw the shoes; they were his shoes," she said, breaking down in tears. "Do you understand? His shoes! My God, I lived with him for 45 years; he was such a good person."

Elegant Louvre Garden in Paris infested with rats

PARIS (AP)—Rats are on the rampage in the elegant garden of the Louvre Museum, so bold they romp on the grass in broad daylight, defying death threats from sanitation workers and scaring tourists.

The hot weather in Paris has brought many picnicking visitors to the garden, whose garbage is a feast for the rats. And they're getting help from animal lovers who dig up poison and feed them water.

Maybe it's the "Ratatouille" effect, with the beloved French rat Remy from Disney's computer animated film helping real-life rats win Parisian hearts.

The vermin are finding a lifeline from "people who don't want us to kill animals," said Jean-Claude Ndzana Ekani, a museum employee who was working Tuesday with technicians from an extermination company,

The lush area which extends into the Tuileries Gardens gives a rat plenty of places to hide, but still the critters scamper about openly, unfazed by people strolling about.

The Louvre, which owns the garden, has been trying to combat the rat problem for months but clearly hasn't succeeded. In May, sanitation officials and exterminators decided to embark on an all-out offensive: "A decision was made to do a shock operation," Ndzana Ekani said. Workers, acting methodically, were seen Tuesday pouring poison down the rat holes.

It hasn't helped.

"I see about 10 or 15 (rats) every day," said Traore Massamba, 25, a maintenance worker. "There are a lot of people who come here to picnic and they leave their leftovers, so I think that attracts them."

Dutch tourist Evelyne Delemarre, 31, let out a scream after seeing a rat scamper by.

"I normally don't see any rats," she said. "They're not really clean animals."

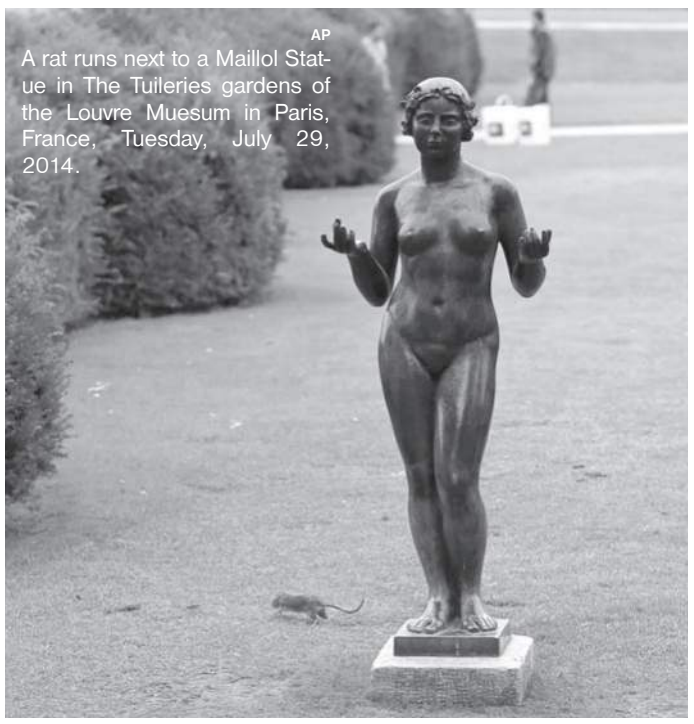
No doubt Remy would be offended by such remarks.

But he might appreciate the goings on at the Louvre Garden. He was, after all, an escape artist of sorts—and in the end outdid his enemies.

Rodents have long made Paris their home. In 2000, mice were caught picnicking on the delicate pastries in the window of the luxury shop Fauchon. To the west of the capital, moles are an ever-present problem at the Palace of Versailles—which has its own mole-catcher.

Tourists may have to get used to an occasional rat scampering about the garden.

"We're doing everything we can. This is a recurring problem in all public gardens," Ndzana Ekani said. Given the size of the Louvre garden "we can't eradicate them."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A rat runs next to a Maillol Statue in The Tuileries gardens of the Louvre Muesum in Paris, France, Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

Environment

California approves fines for WATER-WASTERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California water regulators voted Tuesday to approve fines up to $500 a day for residents who waste water on lawns, landscaping and car washing, as a report showed that consumption throughout the state has actually risen amid the worst drought in nearly four decades.

The action by the State Water Resources Control Board came after its own survey showed that conservation measures to date have failed to achieve the 20 percent reduction in water use sought by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Survey results released before the 4-0 vote showed water consumption throughout California had actually jumped by 1 percent this past May compared with the same month in previous years.

The fines will apply only to wasteful outdoor watering, including watering landscaping to the point that runoff flows onto sidewalks, washing a vehicle without a nozzle on the hose, or hosing down sidewalks and driveways.

"Our goal here is to light a fire under those who aren't yet taking the drought seriously," water board Chairwoman Felicia Marcus said in an interview after the vote.

She called the vote historic, not only because the steps are unprecedented in California but because the board is trying to spread the burden of the drought beyond farmers and agencies that are trying to protect wildlife.

She said city and suburban residents are not fully aware of the seriousness of the three-year drought—the worst in California since the mid-1970s.

"We're all in this together," Marcus said. "This is our attempt to say ... this is the least that urban Californians can do."

The board estimates the restrictions, which take effect in early August, could save enough water statewide to supply more than 3.5 million people for a year.

Cities and water districts were given wide latitude on how the fines will be implemented. The full $500-a-day fine, considered an infraction, could be reserved for repeat violators, for example. Others might receive warnings or smaller fines based on a sliding scale.

The rules include exemptions for public health and safety, such as allowing cities to power-wash alleyways to get rid of human waste left by homeless people, to scrub away graffiti, and to remove oil and grease from parking structure floors.

If fines fail to promote conservation, Marcus said the board would consider other steps such as requiring water districts to stop leaks in their pipes, which account for an estimated 10 percent of water use, stricter landscape restrictions and encouraging water agencies to boost rates for consumers who use more than their share of water.

AP

Eighi Hiastake, of the San Francisco Dept. of Public Works, washes a city sidewalk with a mixture of water and detergent on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, in San Francisco.

More acidic seawater poses risks in Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—The release of carbon dioxide into the air from power plant smokestacks to the tailpipe on cars could pose a risk to red king crab and other lucrative fisheries in Alaska, a new report says.

Ocean water becomes more acidic when it absorbs carbon dioxide released by human sources, such as the burning of fossil fuels. Increased ocean acidification could harm important Alaska commercial and subsistence fisheries and communities that rely heavily on them, according to the new research aimed at spurring discussion on how to address the changes.

The research, led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, was to be published Tuesday in the online journal Progress in Oceanography.

Researchers said changes in ocean chemistry could make it harder for mollusks and other small creatures to build and keep their skeletons or shells. Previous studies have shown red king crab and tanner crab grow more slowly in more acidic water and that red king crab died in highly acidified conditions.

Communities in southeast and southwest Alaska face the highest risk from ocean acidification because of their reliance on fishing, relatively lower income levels and fewer job alternatives than other parts of Alaska, the report states. For communities with high food and energy costs, ocean acidification could be another hit, the research says.

According to the NOAA, Alaska's high-latitude coastal waters are more vulnerable to acidification because cold water can absorb more carbon dioxide. Circulation patterns also bring more acidic deep-ocean water to the surface, the agency said.

Co-lead author of the study, NOAA oceanographer Jeremy Mathis, said the goal was to try to quantify the potential risk and impacts from ocean acidification, a question that's come up in meetings with fishermen, villages and communities but one he's never had a good answer for.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Maria Haruko Furumi Tudela

March 13, 1929 – July 25, 2014

In her life, she now joins her **Husband:**
†Santiago Camacho Tudela

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her **Grandchildren:**
Toshuki "Tosh" and Yumi Irinaka
Yasuhito "Yasu" Irinaka
(Karen Ann and Towa)
Conrad Castro

She will also be missed by her **Children:**
Frank and Ikuko McCoy
Toshio Irinaka
Keiko Yogi

Daily Mass of Intention for the repose of her soul are celebrated each morning at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 04, 2014. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Memorial Chapel at 9:00am to OL Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso Service will be at 9:30am followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am. Her mortal remains will be cremated at Our Lady of Peace Crematorium.

Please join us in prayers,

The Family

Life & Style

'Guardians' blasts Marvel in a different direction

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Despite its flawless superhero pedigree, there's always been apprehension about "Guardians of the Galaxy."

Since the president of Marvel Studios first teased the possibility of making a movie based on the comic book about a team of intergalactic do-gooders, the proposition has been called risky—by critics, by fans and by Marvel Studios President Kevin Feige himself. That never mattered to writer-director James Gunn, the horror maven best known for 2006's "Slither."

"I could care less whether people think it's risky," Gunn said matter-of-factly earlier this month while reclining in a cushy black chair in a screening room on the Disney lot. It's the same intimate theater where Gunn recently finished work on digitizing and colorizing "Guardians," which is set for release Friday.

While the ensemble cosmic romp bears similarities to the superhero mash-up "The Avengers," which earned more than $1.5 billion worldwide, "Guardians" features more obscure characters from the Marvel mythos and—other than a prologue chronicling the moment Chris Pratt's young Peter Quill is plucked from Earth—is set entirely in space.

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This image released by Disney - Marvel shows, from left, Zoe Saldana, the character Rocket Racoon, voiced by Bladley Cooper, Chris Pratt, the character Groot, voiced by Vin Diesel and Dave Bautista in a scene from "Guardians of the Galaxy."

There's no mention of Captain America, no wink from Tony Stark, no baton passed by Thor.

"In a lot of ways, it's not a superhero movie," said Gunn. "It's a space adventure. We're not just doing the Marvel thing again. It's different. We're expanding the Marvel universe. We're not replicating the Marvel universe in space. We're going about it in a different way." Gunn paused and reclined back further in his chair. "Yeah, it's probably risky."

Unlike 2012's "Avengers," which relied on five decades of superhero history and five films to build up its team, Gunn was tasked with not only adapting a comic series that's only a few years old but also establishing comradery among a band of interstellar rebels that includes a lippy raccoon voiced by Bradley Cooper and a burly alien portrayed by wrestler Dave Bautista.

"It's a challenge because nobody really knows who we are, and the cool thing about that is we're starting from scratch," said Bautista, who plays Drax the Destroyer. "We can make it whatever we want it to be. The possibilities are endless when you're talking about outer space and all these different civilizations. It can go as far as your imagination can go."

The movie's only connections to Marvel's greater cinematic universe are a more detailed look at the all-powerful Infinity Stones, as well as appearances by Thanos, the ginormous alien baddie glimpsed at the end of "Avengers." Gunn had to fight for the brief inclusion of the latter, who was originally envisioned as the film's main villain in a draft by co-writer Nicole Perlman.

"I wanted Thanos in the movie," said Gunn. "I wanted to be attached to `The Avengers.' Admittedly, Thanos was a giant pain in the (expletive) because I had to talk with ("Avengers" writer-director) Joss Whedon and those guys. That was the one part where there were a lot of discussions. At a certain point, I think everyone just gave up, and we just did what we wanted."

In spite of the risk involved with launching "Guardians," there's apparently also a good deal of faith. Marvel announced at Comic-Con in San Diego last week that a follow-up, which will be written and directed by Gunn, has already been set for 2017, following planned sequels to "Avengers" and "Captain America." Gunn knows which direction he's headed in.

Jury awards Ventura $1.8M in defamation case

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura won $1.8 million Tuesday in his two-year fight to prove he was defamed by a military sniper and best-selling author who claimed to have punched out Ventura at a bar for badmouthing the Navy SEALs.

A federal jury sided with Ventura in his lawsuit against "American Sniper" author Chris Kyle, who was killed last year in Texas. Though Ventura honed a tough-guy reputation as a pro wrestler and action movie actor, he maintained the legal battle was about clearing his name among his beloved fellow Navy SEALs, not about losing a supposed fight.

Kyle—reputed to be the deadliest sniper in U.S. military history—said in his memoir that he punched Ventura in California in 2006 after Ventura said the SEALs "deserved to lose a few" in Iraq. Ventura disputed that the confrontation, including the punch, ever happened.

Ventura wasn't present for the verdict and didn't immediately return messages left at his home. His attorney, David Bradley Olson, said Ventura felt there were "no real winners in this trial."

"He's certainly grateful for the verdict, but his reputation with an entire generation of young SEALs may never be repaired," Olson said, adding, "It is a victory in the sense that the jury did tell the world that Chris Kyle's story is a lie and was a fabrication."

Jurors declined to comment to reporters as they left the courthouse. They deliberated for five days before telling the judge Monday they didn't believe they could reach a unanimous verdict, but were told to keep trying. Tuesday's resolution came only after attorneys for both sides agreed to allow a verdict if eight of 10 jurors agreed.

John Borger, an attorney for Kyle's estate, said the family would consider an appeal. He faced questions about why he agreed to a non-unanimous verdict when the jury appeared close to being hung.

"That was a strategic call, which seemed appropriate at the time," Borger said.

Legal experts had said Ventura had to clear a high legal bar to win, because as a public figure he had to prove actual malice. The jury was instructed that Ventura had to prove that Kyle either knew or believed what he wrote was untrue, or that he harbored serious doubts about its truth.

After Kyle was killed last year at a Texas gun range, Ventura's lawsuit moved forward with Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, as the defendant. She wasn't in court to hear the verdict. Borger said she was "surprised and upset" when he gave her the news by phone.

The jury awarded Ventura $500,000 for defamation and $1.3 million for unjust enrichment. Borger said the latter figure was subject to review and potential adjustment by U.S. District Judge Richard Kyle, no relation to Chris Kyle.

At least some of that money will be covered by "American Sniper" publisher HarperCollins' insurance policy. Borger said the $1.3 million for unjust enrichment will have to come from the book profits, but Olsen believes the policy will cover all the damages. Borger said he expects both sides will file papers on that and other issues soon.

Olsen also said Ventura's side will ask HarperCollins to remove the disputed section from the book.

The section recounts an October 2006 confrontation that Chris Kyle said he had at a bar in Coronado, California, with a man called "Scruff Face." In promotional interviews, Kyle identified the man as Ventura, who was in Coronado for a SEAL reunion and graduation ceremony. Kyle was at the bar for a wake for a fallen SEAL.

Olsen suggested in his closing argument that the jury award Ventura $5 million to $15 million to compensate him for damage to his reputation. He said Kyle's claims that Ventura said he hated America, thought the U.S. military was killing innocent civilians in Iraq and that the SEALs "deserve to lose a few" had made him a pariah in the community that mattered most to him—the brotherhood of current and former SEALs.

Borger argued that 11 witnesses presented by the defense told a "compelling and consistent story" that backed Kyle's account.

Ventura testified that his income as a television personality fell sharply as job offers dried up in the wake of "American Sniper." Borger said Ventura's career as an entertainer was in decline well before that.

ESPN suspends Smith for comments on abuse

NEW YORK (AP)—ESPN has suspended outspoken sportscaster Stephen A. Smith for a week because of his comments about domestic abuse suggesting women should make sure that they don't do anything to provoke an attack.

Smith's commentary occurred during a discussion on ESPN2's "First Take" last Friday about the NFL's two-game suspension of Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice following charges he assaulted his now-wife. The remarks attracted widespread attention, including a stinging rebuke online from a fellow ESPN personality.

Smith issued an on-air apology Monday, saying it was the most egregious mistake of his career.

A day later, ESPN took action. The network's chief executive, John Skipper, told ESPN's staff in a memo it was done after a "thoughtful discussion" about appropriate actions with men and women in his company.

Smith

"I believe his apology was sincere and that he and we have learned from what we've collectively experienced," Skipper said.

Smith will not appear on "First Take" or ESPN radio until Aug. 6, the network said.

During the Rice discussion, Smith alluded to women in abuse cases when he said, "Let's make sure we don't do anything to provoke wrong action ... we got to also make sure that you can do your part to do whatever you can do to make, to try to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Shortly after Smith's remarks, colleague Michelle Beadle responded on Twitter that "I was just forced to watch this morning's First Take. A) I'll never feel clean again B) I'm not aware that I can provoke my own beating."

Beadle, host of ESPN2's "SportsNation," continued with a series of tweets. She said that "Violence isn't the victim's issue. It's the abuser's. To insinuate otherwise is irresponsible and disgusting."

Smith, during his apology, said it wasn't his intention to say that women could be responsible for their own abuse. "It was not what I was trying to say," he said. "Yet the failure to clearly articulate something different lies squarely on my shoulder."

Smith didn't explain the point that he was trying to make.

ESPN frowns upon its personalities attacking each other on social media or other forums. But it did not announce any punishment for Beadle.

Lawyers for Hollywood sex-abuse accuser want out

HONOLULU (AP)—Lawyers for a former child model accusing `X-Men' director Bryan Singer of sex abuse said Tuesday they want to get off the case because their relationship with the accuser has deteriorated.

Attorneys Jeff Herman and Mark Gallagher filed a motion in U.S. District Court in Honolulu asking to withdraw as counsel for Michael Egan III. They say they no longer talk to Egan except through a new lawyer.

Egan, now 31, accuses Singer in a lawsuit of sexually abusing him during trips to Hawaii when he was 17 in 1999. Singer has denied the allegations.

The California law firm cited in the filing as representing Egan declined to comment.

Gallagher declined to comment, directing questions to Herman. Herman did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press.

Singer's lawyer, Marty Singer, said in a statement that Egan's lawyers were willing to settle the case for a low amount, demonstrating a "lack of confidence in their chances for success." The amount was not specified.

"Bryan and his team will continue to fight to clear his name and intend to pursue charges of malicious prosecution against Egan," Marty Singer said.

Gallagher and Herman said in their filing that their relationship with Egan "has broken down completely and cannot be repaired."

The lawyers said they could not give a full explanation except under seal.

Egan previously dropped three similar Hawaii lawsuits against other Hollywood figures. One of the men, former network television executive Garth Ancier, responded with a malicious-prosecution lawsuit against Egan, saying the accusations damaged his reputation.

The lawsuits were filed under an unusual state law that created a window for civil cases in sex-abuse cases where the statute of limitations has passed.

The lawyer shuffle in Egan's case against Singer comes as the court is scheduled to consider a motion from Singer to dismiss the case Sept. 9. Lawyers for Singer asked Tuesday to keep the hearing as scheduled.

As part of that motion, Singer filed a signed declaration saying that he was never in Hawaii during the time Egan claimed in the lawsuit and didn't have sexual contact with him. Singer said he was working on the first "X-Men" film in the Toronto area at the time.

Music aside, Queen of Soul is pumped for fair food

In a Thursday, May 29, 2014 file photo, singer Aretha Franklin looks up while seated on stage during Harvard University commencement ceremonies, in Cambridge, Mass.

AP

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Aretha Franklin is jazzed about more than music at the Ohio State Fair: She's also looking forward to the food.

"I love the state fair, and I love the elephant ears," says the Queen of Soul, who is scheduled to perform Thursday night.

There may be plenty of opportunities for fried, sugary treats ahead, given that her busy 2014 tour also includes performances at the Wisconsin and Minnesota state fairs in August.

Franklin made headlines last week while on tour after publicizing that a server at a Johnny Rockets restaurant in Niagara Falls, Ontario, screamed at her for trying to sit down to eat her take-out order. The franchise owner apologized, citing the employee's youth and inexperience.

After some health issues, the 72-year-old R&B diva says she's feeling as good as she did in her 50s.

She says she's planning a vacation to New York after her Wisconsin gig, including a stop at the U.S. Open. She also is taking French lessons and studying classical piano with a Julliard graduate.

"I always wanted to go to Juilliard, but my schedule was so heavy at that time that it just never allowed me the time to go there for long enough to learn something," she says.

Franklin says she has begun to hear the classical training in her style and inflections and expects audiences will, too. She aspires to be as good as legendary classical pianist Vladimir Horowitz or jazz greats Art Tatum or Oscar Peterson.

"That is the level I want to be playing at," she says. "That's the lifetime level."

Her upcoming recording doesn't have a name yet, but Franklin says she's six tracks and five vocals into it. She expects to finish the final three cuts in August.

It features R&B classics such as "Midnight Train to Georgia," "What's Love Got To Do With It," Donna Summer's disco classic "Last Dance" and Alicia Keys' "Fallin'."

CHART TOPPERS

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending July 28, 2014:

TOP SONGS
1. Burnin' It Down, Jason Aldean
2. Rude, Magic!
3. Stay With Me, Sam Smith
4. Fancy (feat. Charli XCX), Iggy Azalea
5. Am I Wrong, Nico & Vinz
6. All About That Bass, Meghan Trainor
7. Maps, Maroon 5
8. Problem (feat. Iggy Azalea), Ariana Grande
9. Dirt, Florida George Line
10. Boom Clap, Charli XCX

TOP ALBUMS
1. 5 Seconds of Summer, 5 Seconds of Summer
2. TRXYE - EP, Troye Sivan
3. Shawn Mendes - EP, Shawn Mendes
4. Mandatory Fun, "Weird Al" Yankovic
5. In the Lonely Hour, Sam Smith
6. Anomaly, Lecrae
7. Nobody's Smiling, Common
8. Native, OneRepublic
9. YES!, Jason Mraz
10. x, Ed Sheeran

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending July 28, 2014:

TOP PAID IPHONE APPS
1. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
2. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
3. Afterlight, Afterlight Collective, Inc
4. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
5. Sleep Cycle alarm clock, Northcube AB
6. 7 Minute Workout Challenge, Fitness Guide Inc
7. Buddyman: Kick (by Kick the Buddy), Crazylion Studios Limited
8. Geometry Dash,Robert Topala
9. Modern Combat 5: Blackout, Gameloft
10. THE GAME OF LIFE Classic Edition, Electronic Arts

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS
1. Kim Kardashian: Hollywood, Glu Games Inc.
2. Facebook Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
3. Instagram. Instagram, Inc.
4. Timberman, Pawel Jedrysiak
5. Jenga, NaturalMotion
6. YouTube, Google, Inc.
7. Snapchat, Snapchat, Inc.
8. Make Them Jump!, Ketchapp
9. Free Music Download and Player for SoundCloud, PlayReap Studios
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.

TOP PAID IPAD APPS
1. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. PAW Patrol Rescue Run HD, Nickelodeon
3. Modern Combat 5: Blackout, Gameloft
4. The Survival Games : Mini Game With Worldwide Multiplayer, wang wei
5. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
6. Texture Packs for Minecraft Pocket Edition, Jim Hoskins
7. Red Ball 4, FDG Entertainment
8. Hide N Seek : Mini Game With Worldwide Multiplayer, wang wei
9. LEGO Marvel Super Heroes: Universe in Peril, Warner Bros.
10. Plants vs. Zombies HD, PopCap

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1. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
2. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
3. Buddyman: Kick (by Kick the Buddy), Crazylion Studios Limited
4. Geometry Dash, Robert Topala
5. Modern Combat 5: Blackout, Gameloft
6. THE GAME OF LIFE Classic Edition, Electronic Arts
7. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
8. Red Ball 4, FDG Entertainment
9. RollerCoaster Tycoon 4 Mobile, Atari
10. MONOPOLY, Electronic Arts

The top 10 books on Apple's iBooks week ending July 28, 2014:

TOP PAID BOOKS
1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E L James - 9781612130293 - (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
2. If I Stay by Gayle Forman - 9781101046340 - (Penguin Group US)
3. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green - 9781101569184 - (Penguin Group US)
4. The Heist by Daniel Silva - 9780062320070 - (Harper)
5. Fifty Shades Darker by E L James - 9781612130590 - (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
6. Act of War by Brad Thor - 9781476717142 - (Atria/Emily Bestler Books)
7. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn - 9780307588388 - (Crown Publishing Group)
8. Invisible by David Ellis & James Patterson - 9780316405409 - (Little, Brown and Company)
9. The Girls of August by Anne Rivers Siddons - 9780446565844 - (Grand Central Publishing)
10. Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand - 9780679603757 - (Random House Publishing Group)

Obsession over six-pack abs puts swimmer in unsafe water

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 21-year-old man who has been a successful swimmer in high school and now in college. Over the past few months, I have become obsessed with developing six-pack abs. I have never had much success with women, and I thought that looking like a movie star might finally get me noticed and make me feel good about myself.

As a result, I have become obsessive about my diet. I have dropped 10 pounds, mostly muscle, and my performance in the pool has suffered. If I don't see perfect definition between every ab and don't exercise for at least 2 1/2 hours a day, I feel fat and guilty whenever I eat. I have awakened in the middle of the night worrying about what I'll eat the next day. I'm concerned for the future when my metabolism will inevitably slow down.

I have begun to think that death is a better scenario than being fat, or feeling that way. I want to be able to enjoy eating again and get my life back. I don't want to tell my parents or friends for fear of seeming weak-minded. Where can I go for help?

FEELING LOST IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR FEELING LOST: Physical perfection is no guarantee that you'll find love. Liking yourself and accepting yourself for who you are is what attracts others.

Although "looking like a movie star" can be an asset—depending upon who the movie star is—unless you are secure about who you are and what you have to offer, you can't maintain a healthy relationship. (If you don't believe me, look at the tabloids and start counting how many movie star romances resemble a game of musical chairs.)

If you truly think that death might be preferable to being fat, then you are in trouble. You may have a serious eating disorder, one that could shorten your life. Most people who have an eating disorder need professional help to overcome it, so the place to go is to your student health center. Ask to speak with a mental health counselor about what you're doing and how you're feeling. It is important that you understand what has caused this so you can be successfully treated.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents' 25th wedding anniversary is coming up. I thought it would be nice to have a dinner with the 12 to 14 people who were in their wedding party.

If I had it at a nice restaurant, would it be rude to ask them to pay their own way for dinner? I am only 21 and just graduated from college, so I can't manage it on my own. Any advice?

SON OF "SILVER" PARENTS IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR SON: I think the sentiment is sweet, but if you are going to have this kind of an anniversary party for your parents, you should wait until you can afford to host it. For this one, invite your parents out for dinner, and give them the kind of party you're planning on their 30th.

DEAR ABBY

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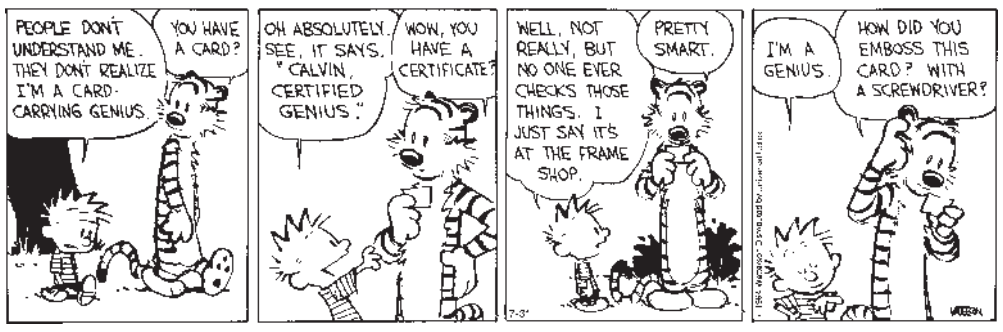
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND ME. THEY DON'T REALIZE I'M A CARD-CARRYING GENIUS.
YOU HAVE A CARD?
OH ABSOLUTELY. SEE, IT SAYS, "CALVIN, CERTIFIED GENIUS."
WOW, YOU HAVE A CERTIFICATE?
WELL, NOT REALLY, BUT NO ONE EVER CHECKS THOSE THINGS. I JUST SAY IT'S AT THE FRAME SHOP.
PRETTY SMART.
I'M A GENIUS.
HOW DID YOU EMBOSS THIS CARD? WITH A SCREWDRIVER?

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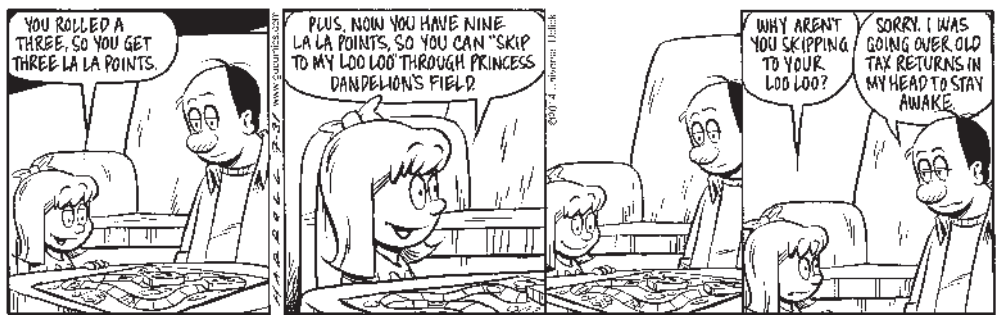
YOU ROLLED A THREE, SO YOU GET THREE LA LA POINTS.
PLUS, NOW YOU HAVE NINE LA LA POINTS, SO YOU CAN "SKIP TO MY LOO LOO THROUGH PRINCESS DANDELION'S FIELD.
WHY AREN'T YOU SKIPPING TO YOUR LOO LOO?
SORRY. I WAS GOING OVER OLD TAX RETURNS IN MY HEAD TO STAY AWAKE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Buddy
4 Store
8 Presentation
12 Savings plan acronym
13 "There once — man from ..."
14 Japanese leader of WWII
15 "Don't move!"
17 Hebrew month
18 Dandy
19 Praise
21 Move on a pivot
24 Actor Holbrook
25 Kids' game
26 Beavers' construct
28 Baseball's Pee Wee
32 Reverberate
34 Series of skirmishes
36 Coloring agent
37 Annie of "Designing Women"
39 Domino spot
41 Listener
42 — Solo
44 Animals
46 Cub Scouts' acronym
50 Inventor Whitney
51 "American —"
52 Dusk
56 Piscine organ
57 Fight the clock
58 "Ben- —"
59 French commune
60 Eastern potentate
61 Whodunit writer Josephine

DOWN
1 Wrong (Pref.)
2 "Entourage" role
3 Intense dispute
4 Stole
5 Crone
6 Job-safety org.
7 Elbow adornment
8 Played for time
9 Kathie Lee's co-host
10 California town
11 Little wriggler
16 "Mazel —"
20 Auto
21 Dance lesson
22 Texas city
23 Legislation
27 Treasure seeker's guide
29 Vision
30 Membership
31 Blunders
33 Desdemona's hubby
35 Cage component
38 "Erie Canal" mule
40 Kitchen gizmo
43 — Dame
45 Foreman foe
46 Perukes
47 Rewrite, maybe
48 Weevil's target
49 Used a pool
53 Here (Fr.)
54 Coloration
55 Take a whack at

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 7-31

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59				■	60				■	61		

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rico Rodriguez, 16; Zac Brown, 36; J.K. Rowling, 49; Wesley Snipes, 52.

Happy Birthday: Don't share personal secrets. Protect your reputation and refuse to let your professional position be hampered by emotional situations, anger or unwanted changes. Rise above any controversy you face and focus on what will help you reach your goals. Taking care of business will keep you in the game and help you carry on. Believe in your ability to succeed. Your numbers are 8, 15, 20, 28, 31, 39, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You can take on a challenge, but don't be too quick to comment or criticize. Put your energy into personal advancement and improvements. Don't let anyone bully you. Don't strike back with force; let success be your revenge. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't promise more than you can deliver. Someone will be counting on you to live up to a promise you made. Don't let your work slip because your mind is on other things. Make plans to spend quality time with someone special. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Your good friends will back you, but someone you work with or for is likely to put pressure on you. Stay within your budget and you will avoid criticism and worry. Avoid impulsive personal changes. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You don't have to impress anyone, so don't feel obligated to make a donation or impulsive expenditure. Put greater effort into a unique idea, trip or skill you would like to master. Love will lead to greater stability at home. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You tend to think big. Take a step back and listen to advice. Starting small and working your way toward something great will ensure that you don't cause anyone added stress. A feud will develop if you are overbearing. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Do whatever you can to make your money grow for you. Don't donate or let your generosity lead you to the poorhouse. Keep your spending to a minimum and lock your savings up in a safe place. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Look at the big picture. Avoid arguments with colleagues and peers. Do your job and stay out of trouble. It's what you accomplish that will count, not what you say you are going to do. Don't let an emotional matter affect your productivity. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Keep life simple. Look at all your options. Find a way to do more with less. Put love on a pedestal and plan something romantic. Creative projects will lead to an unusual opportunity. A change in lifestyle will be beneficial. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Collect old debts and consider investments that will allow you to utilize your skills in unusual ways. A change at home must be made for the right reasons. Don't let a personal matter cost you or lead to impulsive action. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't bother sharing your personal thoughts with peers, friends or family. Focus on work and partnerships that can help you gain financially or professionally. Less talk and more action will lead to your success. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stick to what's important to you and to your future. Incorporate what you know and what you can do comfortably into your daily routine. Good fortune is heading your way and financial gains will come from an unexpected source. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Do what you can, but don't take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Do something to boost your confidence or make you feel good about the way you look and what you have to offer. Romance will lead to personal stability. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are popular, helpful and progressive. You are generous and sincere.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

7		4				5		3
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/31

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

9	6	4	1	8	3	7	5	2
3	1	5	2	4	7	6	9	8
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1	9	3	5	7	4	2	8	6
5	8	7	6	2	9	1	3	4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/31

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

AIR FRESHENERS **Solution: 7 letters**

Y	S	P	D	I	F	F	U	S	E	R	S	R	P	N
F	C	D	E	E	F	F	O	C	G	T	H	E	A	B
I	L	A	A	L	U	L	I	S	N	E	T	E	F	A
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A	C	E	M	O	E	E	O	Y	I	N	O	S	R	C
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T	D	A	B	S	R	A	G	E	N	I	V	S	B	L

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Byron Scott sees swift title contention for Lakers

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Former Los Angeles Lakers players from left, Jamaal Wilkes, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Byron Scott, Earvin "Magic" Johnson with general manager Mitch Kupchak pose during a news conference to introduce Scott as the new Lakers head coach in Los Angeles Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP)—Byron Scott was a key component of the Los Angeles Lakers' Showtime teams, a smooth shooting guard with sizzling competitive fire. He believes his purple-and-gold championship pedigree makes him the ideal coach to return the struggling 16-time champions to NBA contention.

"This organization is all about championships, period," Scott said Tuesday at his introductory news conference. "We don't look at Western Conference finals, Western Conference championships. We look at (NBA) championships. And we know we have some work ahead of us, but I'm excited. ... I love challenges anyway, so this is going to be fun."

Scott's fellow Lakers greats are already backing that notion. Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes surprised Scott before he was formally named the 25th coach in franchise history, standing behind him in a towering show of support.

In fact, Scott hadn't even said a word before Magic took the microphone and praised his longtime backcourt mate.

"We wish we could put the uniform on for you and help you, but we will support you," Johnson said. "Congratulations to the Lakers organization. You chose the right guy."

The Lakers' sparkling history is both the strength at Scott's back and the specter looming over his shoulder.

The Lakers are coming off their worst season in Los Angeles, and their hodgepodge roster is built around soon-to-be 36-year-old Kobe Bryant, who is coming off major injuries as the NBA's highest-paid player. Title contention seems distant to most pragmatic folks, particularly in the tough Western Conference.

But don't tell that to Magic, Kareem or even Scott, who has three championship rings.

"I don't see this as a long process," Scott said. "This is Los Angeles. It's still one of the best organizations in all of sports. Still got a ton of people that would love to play for this organization, and you've got (former Lakers) sitting in the front row that are very adamant about that. They're all advocates for this organization, so I don't think it's going to take long."

Scott and Bryant have stayed close since they played together in Bryant's rookie season. Scott acknowledged Bryant "has to be a little patient," a quality that Kobe has never possessed in any measurable quantity.

Scott floated the idea that Bryant could play point guard for the Lakers on occaision, also saying his club will run an offense that blends elements of the Princeton schemes, the triangle and other sets.

"I think the first thing you've got to do is get them thinking like we used to think," Scott said. "If you're winning, it's contagious. If you're losing, it's contagious. So you've got to change that mindset. ... When you lose games, you shouldn't be sitting in the locker room having a good time. It should hurt."

The Lakers finally hired a new coach almost three months after Mike D'Antoni's resignation on April 30. General manager Mitch Kupchak opened the news conference by thanking Scott for his patience: Los Angeles first interviewed Scott two months ago, but kept him waiting through the draft and the unsuccessful free-agent signing period.

"I think it was clear, at least it was clear to us, that Byron was always our first choice," Kupchak said.

Mike Brown and D'Antoni were respected veteran coaches with no Lakers connections, and neither lasted two full seasons. Johnson and his fellow Lakers greats took turns savaging D'Antoni's coaching style on social media and television broadcasts, a treatment Scott is likely to avoid.

Scott has been a head coach with New Jersey, New Orleans and Cleveland, but the Lakers have always been the ultimate for the Inglewood product who grew up sneaking into the Forum to watch Jerry West.

"This has been a dream of mine for so long," Scott said. "It's a dream come true to be here today and to be introduced as the head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. The passion and the love that I have for this organization is second to none. The only thing that I regret is that Dr. Buss isn't here today."

According to Magic, late Lakers owner Jerry Buss wanted to hire Scott in 2010 when Phil Jackson was waffling on a return for a potential three-peat. Jackson stayed, and Scott took over the Cavaliers eight days before LeBron James left for Miami, consigning him to three losing seasons in Ohio while the Lakers job became a revolving door.

Scott is grateful he finally got the chance to walk through it.

"You have a lot of people down on us right now," Scott said. "I think that's something that can really drive us going into the season."

NBA, *Clippers eager for Sterling out, Ballmer in*

The NBA and the Los Angeles Clippers are ready to move on, even if Donald Sterling wants to keep fighting.

Move on to Steve Ballmer, who paid a record price for the team and is now a step closer to finally owning it.

The Clippers are a potential powerhouse team next season, with two All-Star players and one of the league's best coaches. The only thing that could've messed it up was ownership.

That no longer appears to be a concern after Monday's ruling in Los Angeles, where Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas sided with Sterling's estranged wife, Shelly Sterling, who negotiated the sale to Ballmer for a record-breaking $2 billion. Donald Sterling was trying to block the sale.

Now it could all be completed within two weeks.

"We look forward to the transaction closing as soon as possible," NBA spokesman Mike Bass said in a statement.

The league wanted to work with Ballmer, who made clear his desire to own with the astonishing price he paid. The former Microsoft CEO was nearly an NBA owner last year before owners chose to keep the Kings in Sacramento, rather than allow them to be sold to a group that included Ballmer, and moved to Seattle.

He got another chance after Donald Sterling was recorded making racial remarks to a female friend. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver then banned Sterling for life and fined him $2.5 million, and said he would urge owners to force Sterling to sell.

Instead, Shelly Sterling made the deal with Ballmer, which could have fallen through if Levanas had ruled she didn't have the authority. And the Clippers' high hopes might've crumbled just as quickly.

Doc Rivers would possibly have quit as coach if Sterling remained the owner, interim CEO Richard Parsons had testified. All-Star point guard Chris Paul, who also is president of the Players Association, might have sat out and convinced other players to join him. Sponsors who already started to flee after Sterling's recording was released might have stayed away for good.

"The Clippers would suffer a massive loss of value if the team survived at all," Levanas said.

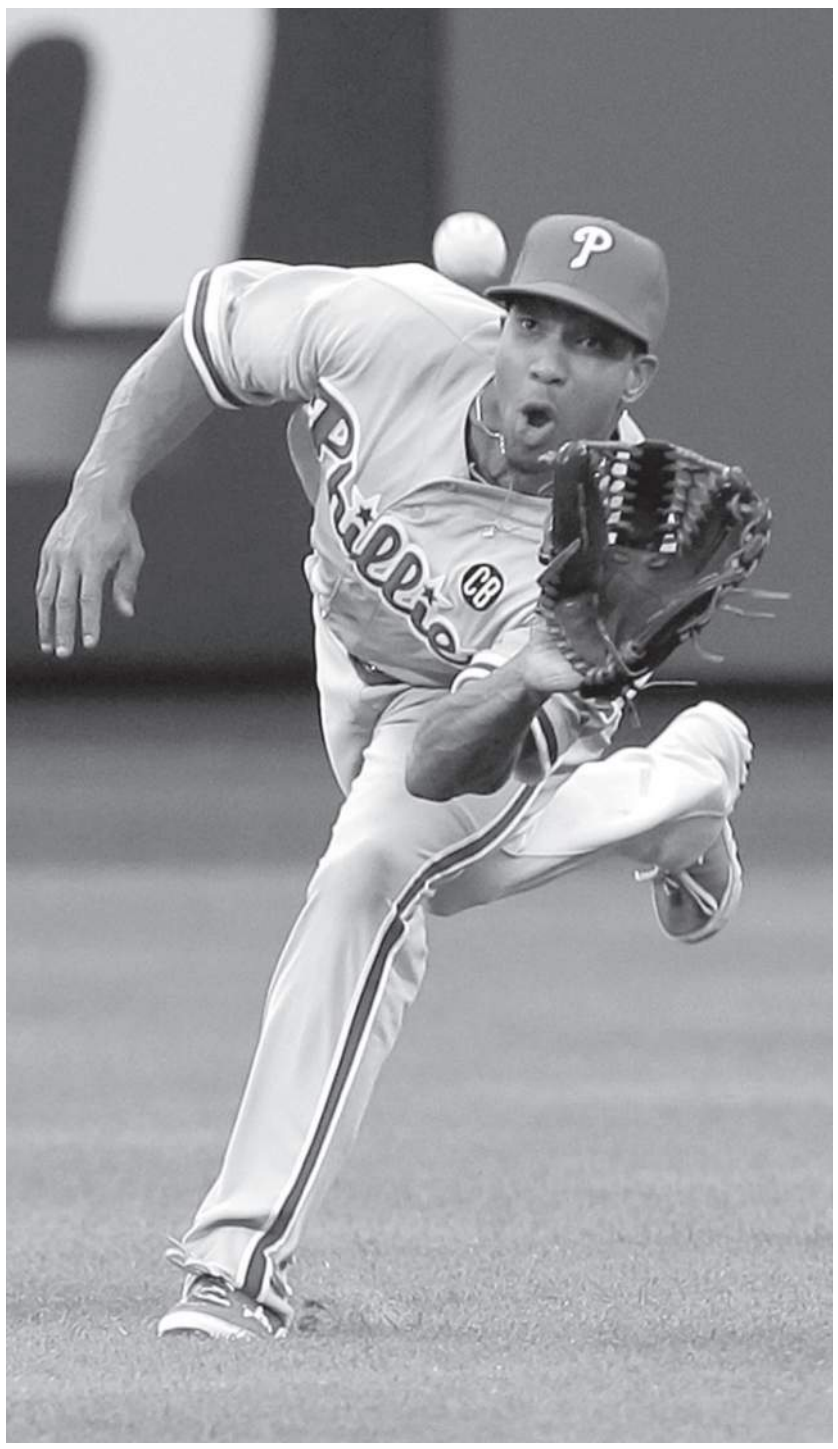
Utley, Hamels help Phillies ease past Mets

NEW YORK (AP)—Cole Hamels pitched eight shutout innings and finally got some run support when Chase Utley hit a grand slam to lead Philadelphia to a 6-0 victory over the Mets on Tuesday night.

Hamels (6-5) has won three straight starts for the first time in almost two years. He retired the final 13 batters to lower his ERA to 2.55. In his last three outings, he has 27 strikeouts and one walk.

For a while, it looked as though this one might end like his last two, 2-1 wins over the Braves and Giants. But with the Phillies up 2-0 and two outs in the seventh, Mets starter Dillon Gee (4-4) suddenly lost his control.

Gee left with the bases loaded and Josh Edgin came on for a lefty-lefty matchup. Utley drilled a 2-2 pitch into the upper deck in right field for his fifth career grand slam and first since 2010.



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Philadelphia Phillies center fielder Ben Revere dives to catch a ball hit by New York Mets' Daniel Murphy for an out during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 29, 2014, in New York.

Reds 3, Diamondbacks 0

In Cincinnati, Mike Leake pitched into the eighth inning and singled home a run for Cincinnati.

The Reds won for only the second time in 11 games since the All-Star break. The offense has been the biggest problem, scoring only 20 runs — by far the fewest in the majors over that span.

Leake (8-9) had a single off the glove of diving third baseman Martin Prado that drove in a run in the second off Trevor Cahill (1-8), who has yet to win as a starter this season. Todd Frazier and Brayan Pena had RBI singles off Cahill, who fell to 0-6 in seven starts this season.

Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth for 23rd save. He extended his streak of at least one strikeout in 45 consecutive appearances, a major league record for a reliever.

Orioles 7, Angels 7

In Baltimore, Manny Machado homered off Cory Rasmus leading off the 12th inning to give the Baltimore Orioles a 7-6 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night.

Machado hit a 1-2 breaking ball from Rasmus (2-1) into the seats in left field to end the back-and-forth duel between AL contenders.

Ryan Webb (3-1) worked out of a two-on, two-out jam in the top of the 12th for the Orioles, who improved to 12-3 in extra innings.

Adam Jones and Nick Markakis homered for Baltimore, playing its first home game since the All-Star break.

Josh Hamilton homered and had three RBIs for the Angels, who have dropped eight of their last 11 against the Orioles.

Yankees 12, Rangers 11

In Arlington, Brett Gardner had four hits to go with a tremendous sliding catch and New York overcame J.P. Arencibia's seven RBIs for Texas.

Gardner had a leadoff homer and two doubles, and he reached base twice in a seven-run sixth that put the Yankees ahead to stay.

He started the inning with a double and scored on Carlos Beltran's two run-single, then reached on a three-base error that deflected off two outfielders and sent home the rally's final run.

Brandon McCarthy (3-0) gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings for the Yankees.

Arencibia homered twice, including a grand slam. He also had two doubles to be the first Rangers player with four extra-base hits since Josh Hamilton's four-homer game at Baltimore on May 8, 2012.

Athletics 7, Astros 4

In Houston, Slumping Brandon Moss hit a go-ahead single during a six-run rally in the ninth inning to lift Oakland past Houston.

Josh Reddick homered for the AL West-leading A's and Yoenis Cespedes had three hits, including two doubles.

Oakland trailed 4-1 in the ninth before pinch-hitter Alberto Callaspo had a two-run single off closer Chad Qualls (1-2).

After Houston couldn't turn a potential game-ending double play on John Jaso's grounder, Jed Lowrie walked and Cespedes tied it with a single.

Moss ended an 0-for-14 rut with an RBI single off Tony Sipp and then Josh Donaldson hit a two-run double off Jose Veras.

Twins 2 Royals 1

In Kansas City, Kyle Gibson bounced back for a rocky start to shut down Kansas City, and Minnesota held on through a shaky ninth to beat James Shields and the Royals.

Gibson (9-8) allowed only a single by Alcides Escobar in the third inning and another by Nori Aoki in the sixth over seven dazzling innings. He was at his best toward the end, too, setting down the Royals in order in the seventh on four seemingly effortless pitches.

Casey Fien worked the eighth before Glen Perkins ran into trouble in the ninth, giving up a leadoff double to Omar Infante and an RBI single to Eric Hosmer. Perkins bounced back to get three straight pop outs and record his 26th save of the season.

Josh Willingham hit a sacrifice fly in the third inning and Brian Dozier provided a run-scoring single in the fifth off Shields (9-6).

Marlins 3, Nationals 0

In Miami, Henderson Alvarez outpitched Stephen Stasburg and surging Miami won its sixth straight.

Giancarlo Stanton drove in two runs as the Marlins won for the ninth time in 10 games and evened their record at 53-53.

Alvarez (8-5) gave up three hits and issued a season-high four walks in seven innings. He escaped a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the second, helped when third baseman Casey McGehee made a diving catch to rob Nate McLouth of extra bases.

Steve Cishek loaded the bases in the ninth before striking out Anthony Rendon to record his 27th save in 30 chances.

Strasburg (7-9) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings.

White Sox 11, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Jose Abreu and Adam Dunn hit consecutive home runs during a seven-run seventh inning that sent Chicago past Detroit.

The White Sox sent 12 hitters to the plate in the seventh and broke the game open against Anibal Sanchez (7-5) and Joakim Soria. Alexei Ramirez added a three-run double in the inning.

Jose Quintana (6-7) allowed two runs and nine hits in six innings.

Detroit made three errors, including two in that seventh inning. Soria made his first home appearance since the Tigers acquired him in a trade with Texas. He retired only one of the seven hitters he faced and allowed his first two homers of the season.

Mariners 5, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Hisashi Iwakuma kept his road record spotless since last July, pitching seven strong innings to lead Seattle.

Iwakuma (9-5) improved to 9-0 in his last 14 road starts, the second-longest such streak in club history. He is 5-0 outside Seattle this season.

Dustin Ackley hit a two-run double in Seattle's four-run fourth against Trevor Bauer (4-6). Mike Zunino homered in the fifth for the Mariners, one of six teams scrapping for the AL's second wild-card spot.

The Indians are 5-7 since the All-Star break and are trying to decide whether to be active before Thursday's trade deadline.

Blue Jays 4, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Marcus Stroman had his second solid start against Boston in five days and Colby Rasmus hit a solo homer to lead Toronto.

Anthony Gose had a tiebreaking two-run double for the Blue Jays, who won for the ninth time in 11 games and improved to 9-3 against the Red Sox this season.

Xander Bogaerts homered and Dustin Pedroia added an RBI double for Boston, which has dropped all five games in Fenway Park against Toronto.

The Red Sox lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Stroman (7-2) held Boston to one run and six hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking two. He took a no-hitter into the seventh last Thursday before giving up Shane Victorino's leadoff single for his only hit allowed in seven innings.

Rays 5, Brewers 1

In St. Petersburg, Alex Cobb struck out 12 in eight innings and Ben Zobrist drove in two runs to help Tampa Bay gets its 11th win in 12 games.

Zobrist hit his ninth home run in the sixth inning for the only run off Milwaukee starter Matt Garza. Zobrist's double in the eighth off reliever Will Smith (1-3) put the Rays ahead for the first time. Pinch-hitter Logan Forsythe followed with another RBI double and the Rays went on to a four-run inning.

Cobb (7-6) gave up three hits and two walks in winning his third straight start. The right-hander is 5-0 in his last six starts.

Twins add undrafted 24-year-old

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—In one of their craziest scouting experiences, the Minnesota Twins have reached a deal with a 24-year-old pitching prospect who has thrown 100 mile per hour fastballs but has never been drafted.

Brandon Poulson was pitching earlier this month for the Healdsburg Prune Packers in a collegiate summer league. His manager was Joey Gomes, the brother of big leaguer Jonny Gomes.

Now, the Twins are about to give him $250,000.

"It's a great story," Twins West Coast scouting supervisor Sean Johnson said Tuesday. "This kid came out of nowhere."

The Twins knew about Poulson from his recent season with Academy of Art University, where he had an 8.38 ERA for the San Francisco school.

Poulson played there after taking a couple of years off to work in his father's business—"John's Excavating"—with the thought he'd take it over someday and leave athletics behind for good.

The 6-foot-6 right-hander previously played baseball, but chose football at Santa Rosa Junior College. The Twins think Poulson's story could make a great movie.

"I played for the Prune Packers summer of `13, but missed nearly three-fourths of the games because I was busy working," said Poulson, who didn't make his high school baseball team as a freshman.

The Twins are giving him about 10 times more than an undrafted player would typically receive as a bonus. Poulson will begin as a reliever.

Poulson traveled to Minneapolis last week to undergo a physical at Target Field before returning to Northern California, then was cleared Tuesday. He is set to travel Wednesday to the Twins' rookie club in the Appalachian League in Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Poulson will sign his contract once he reports. He could pitch in a game as soon as this weekend.

Until last fall, Poulson was operating heavy machinery - driving 18-wheelers, front-loaders and backhoes. All the while, he played baseball in a Sunday night men's league, fittingly called the "Wine Country" league.

"I went to work with my father and didn't want to gamble with sports anymore," Poulson said.

He later changed his mind and decided to give baseball one last chance, spending months retooling his delivery with Prune Packers pitching coach Caleb Balbuena.

Poulson's stats this summer: 31 strikeouts and six hits in 12 1-3 innings, with four saves in 12 appearances.

The Twins consider him among the best athletes they have pursued: A health nut, Poulson weighs 240 pounds and ran a 6.6-second 60-yard dash. He has a 40-inch vertical leap.

Armatech, Blue Haus keep unbeaten records

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Players of Armatech pose for a group photo after the opening ceremony of the Emon Lodge caging mid this month at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. Armatech is unbeaten in two games, recording its recent win last Monday against Hawaiian Rock.

Armatech had a walk in the park, while Blue Haus also notched an easy win in the 2014 Emon Lodge No.179 Basketball League 40 and Above Masters Division last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Armatech crushed Hawaiian Rock in the nightcap, 91-58, while Blue Haus whipped Degree, 94-74, to remain undefeated. Armatech bagged its second win in as many games, while Blue Haus went up to 3-0.

A 34-15 scoring binge in the second quarter helped Blue Haus cruise to victory. Before its second-period explosion, Blue Haus was ahead by only six points, 22-16. No one stood out in Blue Haus' breakaway in the second canto, but six players scored at least four points apiece to pad the lead to 25 at halftime, 56-31.

Blue Haus never looked back from thereon and the safe lead allowed its other players to make it to the board in the second half. Five Blue Haus players finished in twin digits with Sam Fernandez leading the way with his 20 markers. Tony Diaz chipped in 17, while Edwin Santos, Felix Palacios, and Bryan Manabat added 10 apiece. Bruce Berline contributed nine, while Jun Factor and Ernie Moises combined for 10 more points in Blue Haus' balance scoring.

Three Degree players scored in twin digits with Ariel Jinang firing 20 and Jun Sampang and Alex Ocampo logging 17 and 14, respectively, but majority of their points came when the game was already out of their hands. Degree has yet to enter the win column after two matches.

In the second tiff, Armatech snapped Hawaiian Rock's two-game winning streak and handed the latter its second loss in four assignments.

Armatech dominated Hawaiian Rock in the second half after failing to create a big gap in the first 20 minutes of play. Armatech ended the first half holding a 34-30 advantage before zooming to a 15-point lead by the end of the third, 61-45. The trio of James Abuy, Bernard Montano, and Gorge Poquiz teamed up in the widening Armatech's distance against Hawaiian Rock. Abuy started the third with a triple and scored five points, while Montano and Poquiz had six apiece with the latter drilling Armatech's last three baskets in the third.

In the fourth, the other teammates of the trio also hit the board, as Armatech doubled up Hawaiian Rock, 29-13, en route to the 33-point win. Abuy topscored for Armatech with his 15, while Montano and Poquiz also had double digits with 14 and 11, respectively. Seven other Armatech players totaled 45, outgunning the Top 2 scorers of Hawaiian Rock—Jack Palacios and Ronald Abaygar. Palacios nailed 18 points, while Abaygar added 12. Lilio Tiples had a quiet eight points and the rest of the team were held to one field goal each and combined for only 14 points.

First Game

Blue Haus 94 – Fernandez 20, Diaz 17, Santos 10, Palacios 10, Manabat 10, Berline 9, Factor 6, Moises 4.

Degree 74 – Jinang 20, Sampang 17, Ocampo 14, Ebuen 5, Surima 5, Jacob 2, Echavez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-16, 56-31, 77-47, 94-74.

Second Game

Armatech 91 – Abuy 15, Montano 14, Poquiz 11, Tobias 9, Pablo 9, Bartolo 8, Moreno 7, Ebuen 4, Malasarte 4, Tolentino 4, Gatdula 2, Park 2.

Hawaiian Rock 58 – Palacios 18, Abaygar 12, Tiples 8, Mateo 4, Guiang 4, Salazar 4, Dela Cruz 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-14, 34-30, 61-45, 91-58.

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went on to haul 14 gold medals, 15 silvers, and five bronzes. The CNMI's total (34) is the second lowest in its Micro Games history. The Commonwealth had its most medals in the quadrennial meet in 2006 when it collected 98 (34-33-31) in the Games it hosted, however the best gold medal output (44) was registered during the 2010 Micro Games in Palau. The least medals (12) were posted in the inaugural competition on Saipan in 1969. In 1990 (Saipan), the CNMI notched 38, 78 each in 1994 (Guam) and 1998 (Palau), and 67 in 2002 (Pohnpei).

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The CNMI's Lia Rangamar tries to kick the ball out as she is pressured by a Guam defender during their semis game in the women's basketball competition in the 8th Micronesian Games at the COM-FSM Gymnasium in Pohnpei last Monday.

The CNMI sent nearly 150 delegates in Palau with the swim team accounting for most of the medals (35) of the squad. Athletics had 25, tennis contributed 11, table tennis added six, triathlon tallied four, and baseball and women's basketball chipped in one each.

In Pohnpei, the Commonwealth's track and field bets had the most medals for Team Marianas with 15. The CNMI Athletics Team was composed of Rachel Abrams, Lia Rangamar, Denise Samson, Friendly Joy Pena, Zarinae Sapong, Beo Ngirchongor, Brandon Phillip, Dylan Ackerman, Seiya Eda, Michael Mancao, Jason Lampkin, Doris Rangamar, Sylvan Rangamar, Ronald Olopai, Antonio Ichiou, Jesse James, Dan Joab and Jaynard White. Elias Rangamar was the head coach, while Karatel Phillip was the team manager.

The CNMI then drew 12 medals from weightlifters Raymond Santos, David Barnhouse Jr., Leo Apelo, and Salvi Villanueva, four from swimmer Victoria Chentsova, and one from paddlers Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, James Pedro Aldan Jr., Carter Calma, Benusto Olopai, and Joshua Andrew.

The Commonwealth's last two medals (silver and bronze) were courtesy of its baseball and women's basketball teams. The CNMI Baseball Team took the silver medal last Tuesday after losing to Guam in the finals, 6-14. Tony Rogolifoi managed the runners-up, which had Joshua Jones, Manny Sablan, Byron Kaipat, Tyrone Omar, Vince Cepeda, Ben Jones Jr, Jerome Delos Santos, Roy Celis, Ian Rogolifoi, Brian Camacho, Rocco Reyes, Jared Sablan, Diego Camacho, Jun Rabauliman, Peter Lieto, Joe Palacios, Jr. Greg Iskawa, Anthony Benavente, Tom Camacho, Patrick Alepuyo, and Chris Camacho as players and Mel Sakisat as coach.

In women's basketball, the CNMI won its bronze medal game against Pohnpei, 83-59. Irish Pagarao top-scored for the Commonwealth with her 17 points, while Rachel Abrams backed her up with 13 markers and seven rebounds, according to KSPN's report aired yesterday. Joining Abrams and Pagarao on the team were Lia Rangamar, Ira Palero, Lilly Williams, Jamie Mendoza, Teresita Sablan, Madeleine Alegre, Marie Javier, Antonette Labausa, and Michelle Kautz. Elias Rangamar coached the team with Preston Basa assisting him.

Meanwhile, Guam ruled this year's Micro Games after bringing home 42 gold medals, 27 silvers, and 12 bronzes. Pohnpei finished second with its 36-41-37 and a field-best 114 medals, while Palau rounded out the Top 3, dislodging the Marshall Islands. Palau also had 36 gold medals, but collected only 31 silvers to go with its 38 bronzes. Marshall Islands fell to fourth with its 34-23-33 tally, followed by Yap (17-23-15), the CNMI (14-15-5), Kosrae(4-3-11), Nauru (3-9-5), Chuuk (3-4-9), and Kiribati (0-0-0).

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of the entire Kanoa crew with his five markers. John Lewis also had five markers for World Resort off a triple and a layup, while Rogel Caruana nailed the team's last field goal in the third frame.

In the fourth quarter, Lewis unloaded two more triples, while Manglona and Jomar Danas combined for 14 points to power World Resort to its third win.

Manglona paced World Resort with his 23, while Danas and Lewis contributed 15 and 14, respectively. Matt Duenas led Kanoa with his 21 markers.

Inter-government meeting today

Meanwhile, Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands is calling on representatives of interested teams to attend today's meeting for the inter-government league.

The meeting is set for 6:30pm at the conference room of the Ada gym. So far, 12 teams have shown interest in joining the league—DCCA, DPS (Police and Fire), CPA Police and ARRF, Judiciary, Legislature, Office of the Governor, BECQ,DHS, and Finance/Customs.

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First Game

World Resort 67 – Manglona 23, Danas 15, Lewis 14, Mostales 5, Bernardo 4, Vinas 4, Caruana 2, Valle 2.

Kanoa Resort 55 – Duenas 21, Armia 10, Usi 10, Cruz 8, Lumauag 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-17, 34-34, 45-40, 67-55.

Second Game

Century/Shirley's 72 – Sedillo 14, Usi 12, Dela Rosa 10, Jugos 9, Rabausto 9, Manibusan 6, Aguilar 4, Domingo 2, Drillon 4, Catungal 2.

Mariana Resort 49 – Manglona 12, Roskow 10, Bansil 8, Gatdula 7, Piadozo 6, Kapileo 4, Miemban 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-8, 35-25, 51-29, 72-49.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	59	46	.562	—
Toronto	58	50	.537	2½
New York	55	51	.519	4½
Tampa Bay	53	54	.495	7
Boston	48	59	.449	12

Central Division

Detroit	57	46	.553	—
Kansas City	53	52	.505	5
Cleveland	52	54	.491	6½
Chicago	52	55	.486	7
Minnesota	48	57	.457	10

West Division

Oakland	66	40	.623	—
Los Angeles	63	42	.600	2½
Seattle	55	51	.519	11
Houston	43	64	.402	23½
Texas	42	65	.393	24½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	57	47	.548	—
Atlanta	58	49	.542	½
Miami	53	53	.500	5
New York	51	56	.477	7½
Philadelphia	47	60	.439	11½

Central Division

Milwaukee	59	49	.546	—
Pittsburgh	57	49	.538	1
St. Louis	56	49	.533	1½
Cincinnati	53	53	.500	5
Chicago	44	61	.419	13½

West Division

Los Angeles	60	47	.561	—
San Francisco	57	50	.533	3
San Diego	47	59	.443	12½
Arizona	46	61	.430	14
Colorado	43	63	.406	16½

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CNMI Weightlifters at 8th Micronesian Games

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Bo Palacios participates in the snatch competition.

Salvi Villanueva's three bronze medals are shown here with the souvenir wood craft from the 8th Micronesian Games.

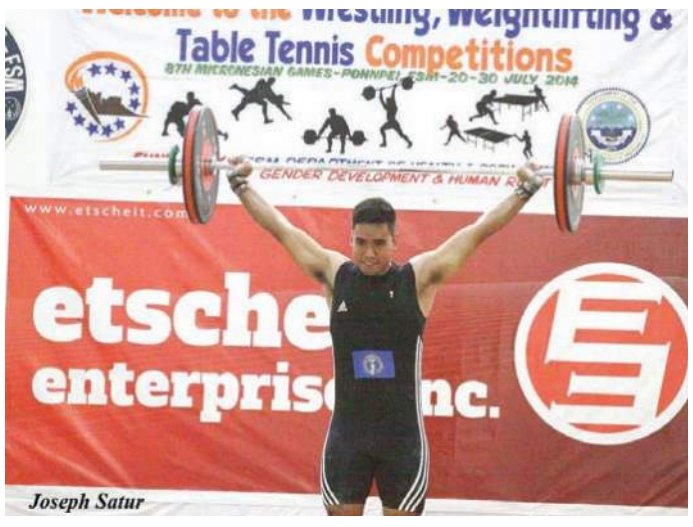
Raymond Santos gets ready to lift the weights.

Members of the CNMI Weightlifting Team pose for a photo at the arrival area of the Saipan International Airport.

CNMI chef de mission Michael White gets ready to present David Barnhouse Jr. the gold medal in the clean and jerk in the 105kg division of the weightlifting competition in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei last week.

The CNMI's Leo Apelo, left, makes it to the medal podium for placing second in the 85kg division.

Raymond Santos joins the snatch contest in the 62kg weight class.



Bo Palacios competes in the clean and jerk.

The CNMI's Salvi Villanueva, right, poses with the two other winners in the 77kg weight class.

CNMI weightlifters pose with fellow athletes after completing their events.

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Micro Games done; Pacific Games next

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With the conclusion of the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei yesterday, the CNMI will shift its focus to the 2015 Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea.

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"It's time to start looking forward to the 2015 Pacific Games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea," said CNMI chef de mission and Northern Marianas Sports Association president Michael White, who thanked the Commonwealth delegates, their supporters, and the host for the successful staging of this year's Micro Games.

"Congratulations to our athletes, coaches, and officials for a job well done. Special thanks to all of our supporters, both here in Pohnpei and at home. You made our Games a memorable experience," said White in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

White joined several CNMI athletes and officials (from baseball and men's and women's basketball) in participating in the closing ceremony of the 8th Micronesian Games at the PNI Track in Field yesterday and expressed happiness with the Commonwealth's performance in the 12-day competition.

"I'm very happy with our performance. Although we had a relatively small delegation, we took home a lot of medals. In most cases, we met expectations, and in a lot of cases, we exceeded them," the NMSA head said.

The CNMI fielded teams in athletics, weightlifting, swimming, canoe racing, baseball, spearfishing, and men's and women's basketball in Pohnpei and had 100 delegates, including officials. Team Marianas

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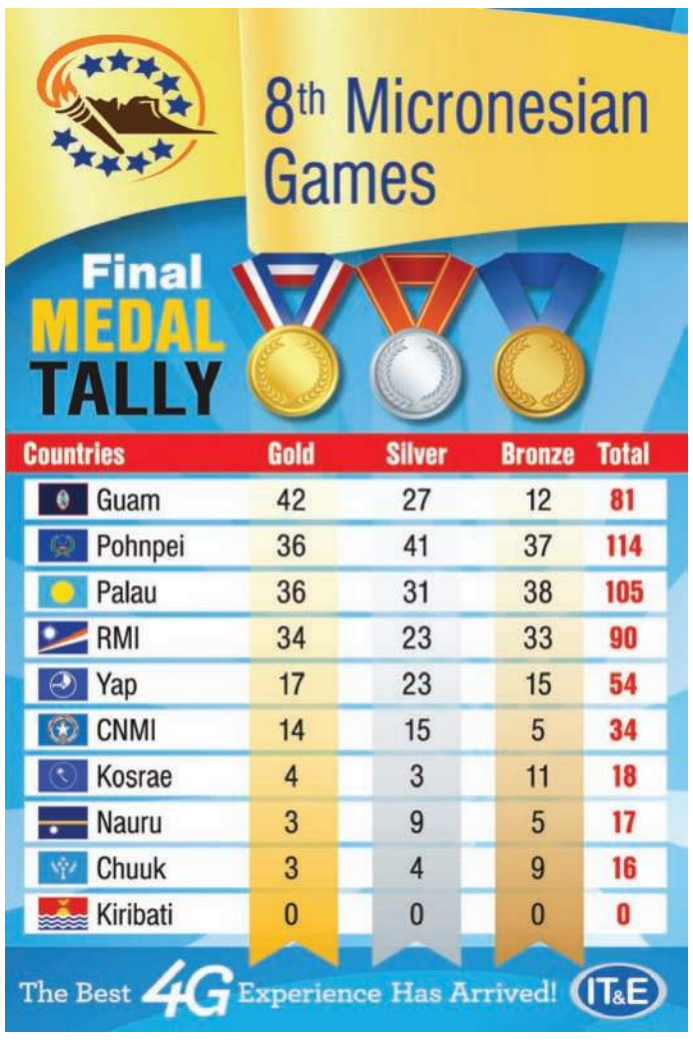
Baseball's Manny Sablan leads the CNMI delegation during the opening ceremony of the 8th Micronesian Games, which concluded yesterday at the PNI Track and Field in Pohnpei.


8th Micronesian Games
Final MEDAL TALLY
Countries Gold Silver Bronze Total
Guam 42 27 12 81
Pohnpei 36 41 37 114
Palau 36 31 38 105
RMI 34 23 33 90
Yap 17 23 15 54
CNMI 14 15 5 34
Kosrae 4 3 11 18
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Century/Shirley's, World Resort top foes

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Century Hotel/Shirley's Coffee Shop and World Resort eased past separates opponents in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, World Resort walked away with a 12-point winning margin over Kanoa Resort, 67-55, while in the second match, Century Hotel/Shirley's walloped Mariana Resort, 72-49.

Century Hotel/Shirley's held Mariana Resort to two field goals and four points in the third period to pull away and barge into the win column after dropping its opener against World Resort a couple of weeks ago. Mariana Resort, which faced a manageable 10-point lead at the break, 25-35, got its only two baskets from Marty Piadozo and Jazz Roscow and was down by 22 by the end of third period, 51-29. Mariana Resort was scoreless in the first six minutes of the third canto before Roscow got away from the baseline and hit a reverse layup.

While Mariana Resort bled for points in the third, Century Hotel/Shirley's got several easy baskets on fastbreak plays with lefty Fradel Sedillo mostly on the finishing end. Sedillo drilled eight of his 14 points in the third period to lead the breakaway.

Century Hotel/Shirley's never relinquished the double-digit advantage in the fourth quarter, as it matched every basket Mariana Resort converted to hand the latter its second loss in as many games. Mariana Resort fell to World Resort in its first game, 38-74.

World Resort improved its record to 3-1 to keep pace with the league-leading Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan (3-0) after beating Kanoa Resort in the curtain-raiser. World Resort's lone loss in the tournament so far was courtesy of Fiesta, which pulled off an 85-83 overtime victory over the former last week.

Against Fiesta's sister company, Kanoa, World Resort set up the double-digit winning margin after limiting its neighbor in Susupe to six points in the third period. World Resort and Kanoa were back to square one after the first half before the latter's lackluster offense allowed the former to gain a 45-40 cushion.

Kanoa hit only two field goals in the third and added two free throws to its dismal showing in the quarter, while Eugene Manglona nearly matched the output

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Century Hotel/Shirley's Coffee Shop's Vince Manibusan, center, is fouled by Mariana Resort's Richard Miemban, right, during the third quarter of their game in the Inter-Hotel caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.